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1 lot of money, not only my engineer but King County's
 2 engineer looking at it, redlining it back and forth and so
 3 on and so forth. And so, anyways, the -- and it was zoned
 4 RA-5 for one house per five acres, but also it's also based
 5 on, you know, a certain amount of drainage per square foot
 6 of the house and how many trees are left and so on and so
 7 forth.

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8 So I asked them to try and minimize the amount of
 9 trees that they would take off of my property, also for the
 10 impact of value to my other lots because that would open up
 11 the whole line to view all of my lots which would impact the
 12 value of my other lots. And anyways the forrester, the
 13 other BP real estate specialists assured me that they would
 14 try to take care of that.

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15 And anyways the forrester came in there and she
 16 just cleaned that whole lot 100 percent off and even went
 17 into the other lot, was taking some trees off of it too and
 18 gave no consideration into that. So I don't understand why.
 19 you know, BP can give consideration to one, to the
 20 watershed, and they can't give consideration to the other.

21 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: Let me try to address that a
 22 little bit. The consideration that I'm talking about inside
 23 the watershed is, for instance, on the normal basis of a new
 24 transmission line to go through an area that has timber on
 25 it, we would take any tree that would potentially fall into

1429-007-003 and -004 Due to the height of the trees within the proposed right-of-way, very few trees can remain within the 150' right-of-way with the exception of very deep drainages and canyons. For the selection of danger trees outside of the right-of-way, the stable tree criteria would be used on all properties along the preferred route. Trees that were deemed not to pose a threat to the new transmission line would be left. Consideration is given when danger trees are selected to impacts regarding landowners from this clearing.

1 that line. So in this case here we determined that BPA
2 would take some risk and that outside the right-of-way --
3 inside the right-of-way we would not allow any trees to grow
4 unless it's in a deep canyon. So on flatter terrain or on
5 sloping terrain, we would not allow any trees to grow inside
6 of our right-of-way.

7 Outside the right-of-way, we're going to take a
8 look at it from a -- more from a maintenance standpoint,
9 take a look at trees that could potentially fall into the
10 line because they're diseased or because they're heavily
11 leaning toward the line. So there are still going to be
12 trees taken in the watershed outside the right-of-way, there
13 will be trees taken, but not as many as there would have
14 been otherwise if we were to take every tree that would
15 potentially fall into the line. So I don't know what the
16 situation is on your property, but I would hope that they
17 would use a similar kind of thing on your property also. So
18 inside the right-of-way we're not allowing any trees to grow
19 inside the right-of-way unless they're trees that -- while
20 you couldn't call them trees, shrubs.

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I understand on the
22 right-of-way and they said maybe they could replant some
23 shrubs, but I'm talking about the trees outside the
24 right-of-way, she was calling every tree a dangered tree.
25 That lot was scalped when she got through with it, and so a

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1 few trees left on the lot next to it, so --

2 MR. RICHARD BONEWITS: Thank you, Diane. My name
 3 is Richard Bonewits. I'm chairman of the Greater Maple
 4 Valley Area Council. Area residents are pawns in this BPA
 5 500 kV transmission line location issue. As several of the
 6 speakers that are here tonight were at Seattle yesterday and
 7 spoke to the environmental people and to Council Member
 8 Margaret Pagler who also is on an environmental committee
 9 with me for watershed planning for this area, they're going
 10 to tell you, they will be able to tell you if you want to
 11 talk to them that some Seattle residents have willingly or
 12 unwittingly developed an extraordinary but limited interest
 13 in protecting a relatively small part of the environment of
 14 King County, the Seattle watershed.

1429-008-001

15 We want to give Seattle people credit for their
 16 recent discovery of the environment, as reflected in their
 17 Habitat Conservation Plan that Lou mentioned. They were
 18 forced into it knowing that they were going -- they were
 19 going to be facing ESA. They were requested to get it out
 20 and get it done so they could show some progress before ESA
 21 was laid down as a requirement.

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22 But as you will hear from others here, clear-cut
 23 logging of more than 70,000 acres over the last 90 years
 24 with the intended construction of 650 acres of logging road
 25 is not exactly environmentally friendly. Many of you have

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1429-008-001 Comment noted.

1429-008-002 and -003 Comment noted.

1429-008-004 Comment noted.

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1 done a better job preserving your streams and wetland. And
2 even after having a 500 kV line across the watershed for
3 more than 30 years, some Seattle residents and politicians
4 have decided that the power line should go outside the
5 watershed and one of those routes is over your head. We
6 don't know which one, but one of them is.

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7 We have confronted them with the information also
8 that they have been aware of all the time. Lou mentioned
9 three things they're concerned with. There are really
10 principally two: One's the environment and the other is
11 water quality. They mentioned water quality. In the case
12 of the water quality issue, there was a fecal coliform
13 incident in 1992 after which the State Department of Health
14 ordered them to develop a water filtration facility design
15 and implementation plan and told them the next incident they
16 were going to implement it.

17 This was before Bonneville thought about the
18 studies that led up to their scoping studies two, three
19 years ago and came back last year. Some of us knew about
20 this before them. In fact, Laura's son is a water quality
21 specialist operating for Seattle at times in the past, very
22 familiar with the requirements. The studies were done, the
23 designs were complete, the ionization plant is being built
24 right now. I live near it, it's half a mile away, mile
25 away, not quite a mile, but the filtration plant has not

1429-008-005 Comment noted.

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1 been built. Still holding up on it.

2 So if there's another fecal coliform incident, the
3 theory that the Department of Health will be on their tails
4 to get that filtration plant built whether or not the power
5 line goes through the watershed or not. They know that, but
6 the story still keeps coming out and that's what you'll see
7 in the press. But to Seattle's credit, many of its people
8 did participate in these public meetings, including
9 Councilman Margaret Pagler last night. There has been no
10 participation from most of the other cities in the region
11 which share BPA's electrical power, not from Bellevue,
12 Kirkland or thereabouts.

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13 Bonneville has done its job. It's doing its job.
14 There are four groups in your community who have gathered
15 more than 1500 petitions opposing routes outside the
16 watershed who are here tonight. One of them is Dave and his
17 wife back there, and the other one is one that I have sort
18 of led all the way through it, but we've kept coordinated
19 together on this and working together to get those
20 signatures, and I want to give them kudos and I also want to
21 give kudos to some of our elected representatives.

22 Jay is here representing Cheryl Pflug, he works
23 for her. Sara is here, works for Glen Anderson, another
24 state representative, and Neal behind here works for
25 Councilman David Irons. They have been with me, behind me

1429-008-006 Comment noted.

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1 every step of the way for the planning for the opposition.
2 We've also had our congressman behind us and we have even
3 had -- been able to enlist a little help from Maria
4 Cantwell's organization, at least they're involved with
5 touching us daily. Your elected representatives have
6 weighed in on your behalf. This is your last time to speak,
7 and that's why I am here today. If you want to talk about
8 this issue, this is it. I'm asking you to all follow that
9 up with written comments and send a copy of those to Post
10 Office Box 101, Maple Valley 98038. I'll see that the
11 politicians get them.

1429-009-001

12 MR. SCOTT TAYLOR: I'll try to be brief. You guys
13 are looking for some feedback on how you did on the
14 distribution of the EIS. I particularly really thought the
15 CD ROM, I'm a computer person, so it worked very well for
16 me. If you are looking for more suggestions, I highly
17 recommend that you put the full text of the EIS on the
18 website. I could not get it on the website, I could only
19 get a summary. It's a pretty large download, so if you had
20 a page where you had the full EIS in sections and you could
21 download PDF's, that would be great.

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22 So I had an interesting conversation with one of
23 the directors from the Sierra Club yesterday, and normally
24 they and I see very, very eye to eye. I consider myself an
25 environmentalist, but in this one particular issue we have

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1429-009-001 BPA appreciates the feedback. We wanted to put the SDEIS on our web page, but BPA's security office suggested that we not do so. We hope that we are allowed to put these documents on our Web site in the future.

1429-009-002 Comment noted.

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1 been at a bit of loggerheads. The Sierra Club does not want
 2 to see any kind of activity through the watershed; whereas,
 3 I actually think that's the preferred alternative.

4 So we actually chatted for at least a half an hour
 5 yesterday, and we were actually able to find some common
 6 ground, and I would like to share some of that. While we
 7 disagree on the exact route which one should go, we're both
 8 very much stewards of the environment. If BPA can consider
 9 themselves also stewards of the environment, I think that
 10 you guys can make everybody happy, or at least minimize the
 11 damage.

1429-009-003

12 Specifically, if you guys actually choose to go
 13 through the watershed, I want to see some of the things that
 14 the Sierra Club wants to see. I want to see Plumb Creek
 15 added to the watershed and forked over as part of the
 16 mitigation. There's also a hundred acres of property near
 17 the Raging River that can be added as well. You guys are
 18 also double-circuiting a section across the Cedar River.
 19 Both myself and Sierra Club would like to see that across
 20 the Raging River as well.

1429-009-004

21 So I think that there are some extra mitigation
 22 steps that you guys can have to make everybody happy. And,
 23 likewise, the Sierra Club agrees on my point that if you
 24 guys go through anything like Alternative C or A or B or D
 25 that you take the same mitigation measure for that

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1429-009-003 Please see response to comments 1415-003, -004,
 and -005.

1429-009-004 Please see response to Comment 1415-006.

1429-009-005 Please see response to Comment 1420-001-002.

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1 environment that you are through the watershed,
 2 specifically, micropylings, helicopters, vegetable oil. All
 3 the things that you would do for the watershed, we require
 4 that you do outside the watershed as well, and I'd like to
 5 see you add that to the costs that you have put forth in
 6 your EIS. Thank you.

1429-010-001

7 MS. LAURA LORENZ: I'm a resident of Hobart for
 8 over 40 years, and my comment is going to be very brief. In
 9 1947 the City of Seattle bought 90,400 acres of land -- the
 10 Seattle city bought 90,400 acres of land for \$2.21 an acre
 11 for their watershed, and as a result they closed the
 12 watershed so nobody could enter it. But it also obliterated
 13 several communities, Harriston and Taylor, School District
 14 409, which is Tahoma, lost tax dollars for support of their
 15 school district. The citizens no longer could fish or hunt
 16 in this area or use it for recreation in any way. The Cedar
 17 River got drained, and I mean really drained. In the summer
 18 you can't find enough cool spots for the big fish to live
 19 and you can't recreate in it any longer because it's too
 20 shallow frequently if you have a dry summer.

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21 Both BPA and Seattle are public entities, and I
 22 strongly suggest and believe that public entities or
 23 organizations should be used when -- public lands should be
 24 used for public uses at any time they can do it instead of
 25 going through private lands. So if BPA can go through the

1429-010-001 and -002 Comment noted.

1429-010-002

1 watershed, I'm for it. They have already gotten what they
 2 needed there and they have it and we have sat fast enough,
 3 let's let them use the public land and let the private
 4 people have a little bit of peace and let 1971's decision to
 5 go through the watershed stand in 2003. Thank you.

1429-011-001

6 MR. JON ZAK: Good evening. My name is Jon Zak.
 7 I live on two and a half acres in a development of about a
 8 hundred homes in Maple Valley. Our eastern property
 9 boundary would be the centerline of the proposed
 10 transmission line right-of-way for Alternative C. We would
 11 lose the trees on a quarter of our property, and these trees

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12 are in a native growth protection area. The trees range in
 13 size from two and a half to five foot in diameter. We never
 14 would have purchased this property if we thought the power

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15 line would be running through our backyard. Alternative C
 16 would completely destroy our privacy and our views of trees
 17 in our backyard. It would destroy our experience of living
 18 in nature. This was the reason we bought this property.

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19 On the BPA's preferred alternative route, the one
 20 through the watershed, the age of the trees is like 10 to 30
 21 years. The trees on our property in our native growth
 22 protection zone make the trees in the watershed look like
 23 toothpicks. I've got some pictures here to show you of some
 24 old growth. This is the Curtis Grove on the way up to
 25 Snoqualmie Pass. Some more pictures I showed Seattle but to

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1429-011-001 and -002 Comment noted.

1429-011-003, -004, and -005 Comment noted.

1429-011-006 and -007 Comment noted.

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1 let them know what big trees look like. You may not be
2 aware of what the watershed looks like, so here's a picture
3 of the upper watershed. You can see there's a couple of big
4 trees standing outside and it's been logged for almost a
5 hundred years, 70,000 acres.

6 Here's another view, there are 621 miles of
7 logging roads. See Chester Morris Lake and more clear-cuts
8 and old logging roads on the other side of the lake. And
9 then here you see a big road cut and more clear-cuts. This
10 is our backyard. There's another picture of our backyard.

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11 This is off the Seattle Public Utilities website.
12 This was some work that they did. See this logging road?
13 It's starting -- sedimentation that's running towards the
14 river. Here's some other work they were doing right around
15 Chester Morris Lake with the heavy equipment, probably not
16 using vegetable oil in the hydraulic systems. Other
17 pictures show heavy equipment, so -- well, the pictures of
18 the construction in the watershed by Seattle Public
19 Utilities proves their hypocrisy.

1429-011-008

20 Seattle has one standard for themselves and
21 another one for the BPA. I would like Seattle Public
22 Utilities to answer a couple of questions: Number one,
23 where is the evidence that BPA has caused any harm to the
24 water quality or watershed operation in its 30 years of
25 operating a power line in the watershed?

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1429-011-008 Comment noted.

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1 And, number two, clearing 91 acres for a second
2 power line would require one-tenth of one percent of the
3 watershed's total acreage of 90,240. How can this small an
4 amount of clearing have any impact on water quality?

1429-011-010

1429-011-011

5 The Habitat Conservation Plan is a great idea.
6 How about the habitat of people living along Alternative C?
7 Is wildlife habitat inside the watershed more important than
8 habitats for both wildlife and humans outside the watershed?

1429-011-012

1429-011-013

9 The people who lose their property will be paying
10 a price for Seattle's water. The City of Seattle will
11 destroy the rural communities of Hobart and Ravensdale all
12 due to unfounded water quality issues. I wonder what
13 history will say about this. Thank you.

1429-011-014

14 MS. HELEN JOHNSON: I didn't plan on speaking
15 tonight, but my name is Helen Johnson and I live in Hobart
16 and I consider it a privilege to live in Hobart. It's a
17 very special, unique place. It's been there over a hundred
18 years. It was there before the watershed. We have
19 descendants left of the original homesteaders there. They
20 have spent all their lives there. They were born, lived
21 their whole lives there, graduated from school there. They
22 stayed there on the land that they loved, we poured our
23 hearts, our souls into it. We buried our loved ones in the
24 Hobart cemetery. And we have taken much better care of that
25 land than Seattle ever dreamed of doing.

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1429-011-009 and -010 Comment noted.

1429-011-011 and -012 Wildlife habitat is important inside and outside the CRW. The area inside the CRW does have a Habitat Conservation Plan approved by USFWS and NMFS. BPA would also seek to minimize impacts to the wildlife habitat outside the CRW by minimizing clearing and construction particularly near and across streams and rivers. As noted in the SDEIS, BPA has labeled Alternative 1 as the preferred route recognizing the ability to mitigate impacts to the wildlife inside the CRW and the impacts to people and wildlife outside the CRW. See Table 2-3 for comparisons.

1429-011-013 and -014 Comment noted.

1429-012-001 and -002 Comment noted.

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1 We bought right up against the watershed. The
2 only thing that separates us is a fence. We have the same
3 plants, same animals, same endangered species. And the
4 environmentalists are worried about the watershed, but they
5 don't care if you're on the wrong side of the watershed.
6 They don't care about the species over there. It just
7 doesn't make any sense to come to an area like that and
8 destroy it all for some power for Seattle. Because we don't
9 need the power, Seattle does.

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10 And, you know, it's just we've been there too
11 long, we're too hard working. We just want to be left alone
12 to live our lives. As far as I'm concerned, Hobart should
13 be off limits to everybody but the people that live there,
14 including the government and including King County. And the
15 only extinct -- or people that are endangered of being
16 extinct there are the people, not the animals, it's the
17 rural homeowners.

1429-013-001

18 MS. ALEDA MORGAN: I'm Aleda Morgan, and I'm on
19 the preferred route, alternative number one, and you-all
20 seem to think that we're only talking about the watershed
21 being affected here. Well, there's at least five people on
22 this route that are being affected. And I moved there in
23 1976 with my husband, this was the farm of my dreams here,
24 and anyways my husband passed away 16 months after we
25 purchased this property. And so, anyways, then he was a

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1429-012-003 and -004 Comment noted.

1429-012-005 Comment noted.

1429-013-001 Comment noted.

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1 truck-driver and we had our own truck. So, anyways, I got
 2 into the truck and started driving the truck save the
 3 property so I wouldn't lose my farm, and, you know, to
 4 support my family.

5 And, anyways, I managed, I was concerned back in
 6 1980 -- he passed away in '78. I bought it in '76, he
 7 passed away in '78, I was concerned that I may lose the
 8 farm, so I decided to subdivide it back in '80. And so I
 9 subdivided it into some five acre tracts in case I wasn't
 10 able to do the trucking or in case I was to get hurt or in
 11 case I would have to sell some of it and wouldn't lose the
 12 whole place.

13 But, anyways, I never had to sell any of it. I'm
 14 trying to move along fast. But then it came to King County
 15 in '97 decided that they were going to take the right to
 16 subdivide a 20-acre piece away from us, so I decided to
 17 subdivide that in '97 and it took almost five years to do it
 18 and a hundred thousand dollars. So, anyways, then
 19 Bonneville comes along on March 22 of 2000 and starts
 20 informing me that they're planning on this Alternative 1,
 21 they have got two other alternatives they're thinking about
 22 but they want to go through Alternative 1.

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23 So, anyways, I go ahead and give them the okay to
 24 go ahead and to survey my property to, you know, do what
 25 they need to do because I figure if they're going to go

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 caused people along the project routes. It is our intent to
 treat people fairly and with respect.

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1 through, they're going to go through, there's not going to
 2 be a lot I'm going to be able to do about it and in the
 3 hopes that they're going to pay me for my losses.

4 Anyways, so far to date they came to me, they did
 5 an appraisal on October 25th to 27th and they finally got it
 6 back to me on March 8th of 2002, and they want to buy this
 7 property. I mean, they have been trying to buy our property
 8 out there -- I mean, you-all think this has been going on
 9 since June for you. Shoot, this has been going on since
 10 March of 2000. We've been in hell since March of 2000, I'll
 11 guarantee you that.

1429-013-002

12 And so, anyways, they come along and ruining one
 13 five acre tract of mine, I mean totally ruining it, and then
 14 they're ruining over half of another five acre tract. They
 15 came and offered me in March -- well, I wouldn't meet with
 16 them in March because I was going on vacation. They come
 17 along in April, they offered me \$160,000 for two five acre
 18 tracts that they're ruining. There still will be a building
 19 spot on one of them, but it had over 500 feet of building of
 20 house feet and now from the right-of-way to the corner of
 21 the property line it is 180 feet.

22 On the other corner, there's a hundred -- 244
 23 feet, excuse me, and they want to pay me -- I put in a road
 24 that cost me over \$75,000. I put in power and phone that
 25 cost me \$40,000. I mean, I'm not a rich woman, I'm not a

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1429-013-002 and -003 BPA apologizes for the disruption that this
 project has caused people along the project routes. It is our
 intent to treat people fairly and with respect. Please refer to
 Section 4.11.2.5, Community Values and Concerns, Property
 Value Impact. If you are aware of any sales in your area that
 are comparable to your property, please send them to BPA
 and our appraisal staff will investigate them for comparability.

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1 big developer, I still truck every day to pay for this and
2 this is my retirement. This is the only retirement that I
3 have. So they're not just affecting the watershed here,
4 they are affecting my life. There is other people that
5 they're affecting that their homes. There is a person who
6 has a home there. They have come in there and offered them
7 practically nothing for their home. The woman has had a
8 stroke since this has been going on, the pressure is
9 intense. I had to contact a lawyer in April so they would
10 quit calling me on the phone while I was driving a dumptruck
11 trying to back up, not to driver over top of people while I
12 was backing up. I had to get a lawyer to write them a
13 letter to tell them to quit calling me on that phone because
14 that's the phone I get my work on, so I have to answer the
15 phone. I finally got to recognize the ID number, so I
16 didn't answer it anymore.

17 So I -- you know, this is not just about the
18 Seattle watershed. And I asked you people in June to
19 please, you know, not leave us five people out there at the
20 mercy of Bonneville, because I'll tell you what, they're at
21 our door every day, they insisted upon appraisal of the
22 other lady's house during Christmas. Her husband way was
23 away while they had a family member that was sick, and I had
24 to call them up and say you don't need to be bothering her
25 at Christmastime, you can wait until after Christmas, but.

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1 you know, and they finally let her do that. But it's been a
2 battle. Every day it's a battle. It's a battle with them,
3 and they plan on stealing our property and I truly mean
4 that.

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5 MR. ROBERT GARLAND: I'm Robert Garland. I'm the
6 president of the Winterwood Estates Homeowners Association,
7 and we have several of our residents here tonight. We are
8 affected by the A transmission line. That transmission
9 line, if put through, will make the last lady's problem look
10 like Sunday school play because there will be about 15 to 20
11 percent of our residents that will be directly affected
12 either through the fact that the power lines will take out
13 all the trees and have power lines within 30 feet of their
14 house or will take down all the trees and expose the power
15 lines that are there now and ruin the view and the value of
16 the property. So there is -- we have 364 homes in our
17 community and every single division of our community will be
18 affected because of the way the power line runs through at
19 an angle.

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20 We support the BPA's approach to trying to affect
21 the least amount of people possible. All of the other, at
22 least A and C, it appears, will have a tremendous impact on
23 lots of people, not just five, and it will have a
24 devastating effect even perhaps on one school which is in
25 our community. This power line will not run very far from

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1429-014-001 and -002 Comment noted.

1429-014-003 Comment noted.

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1 that school.

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2 I've talked to different people. I've talked to
 3 people who are in management with the power company in
 4 Idaho, in Mississippi, and both of them said that when they
 5 put through power lines of 500 megavolts that they had to
 6 buy every single property within any reasonable proximity to
 7 those lines because the magnetic -- the field that is
 8 generated would mean that anytime you touched a piece of
 9 metal in your house you would get shocked.

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10 And so he said that -- they all told me that they
 11 had several problems in that regard, they had to buy all of
 12 the properties. The likelihood is if this line would go
 13 through any place but the Cedar River Watershed is that the
 14 lawyers will tie up BPA for at least ten years. And so
 15 there won't be any transmission starting next year, it will
 16 start maybe ten years from now because there are too many
 17 people that are affected by this to allow it to just happen.

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18 And so I would urge BPA to hang in there and take
 19 the approach that affects the least amount of people and
 20 affects the least amount of environment because when you
 21 start affecting people and the trees and the property by the
 22 hundreds and thousands, then you've really had a big impact.
 23 Thank you.

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24 MS. RAE PEARCE: Well, I thought I wasn't going to
 25 need to talk, but after what you just said, I have to.

1429-014-004 and -005 BPA has determined that the proposed 500-kV transmission line would require a right-of-way 150 feet wide, along with necessary access roads. If the Record of Decision identifies that a route, other than the current preferred route were to be selected, it would not be possible to construct this year. Many activities including specific surveys, design, additional environmental analysis, appraisals as well as negotiations for land rights with landowners would need to be completed.

1429-014-006 Comment noted.

1429-015-001 Comment noted.

1 Magnetic fields are dangerous to the public. I think if you
2 can go over the watershed, it's got to be that way. We
3 can't impact schools, we can't impact people's homes. I've
4 had a childhood leukemia, you don't want to go there, and I
5 think we just need to protect the general public.

1429-015-001 6 There's a lot fewer people impacted, and it's
7 tragic for those that are, but it seems that, you know,
8 they're the powerful people. We all don't like government
9 shoved down our throat, but I think they have really done
10 their work, they have really done their studies, and you
11 have to look at the least number of people affected. You
12 cannot go over schools, you can't go over neighborhoods like
13 that. The property that other people are talking about
14 around the watershed that own property aren't -- it isn't
15 inhabited with population to the extent that the schools in
16 Winterwood is. We just have to look at that.

1429-016-001 17 MR. RON IVERSON: As many of you know, I'm a
18 Hobart area homeowner or landowner. I talked last night and
19 I'll just summarize and say BPA did it right the first time.
20 They did it right this time, only this time they did it -- I
21 really want to compliment you. The way your construction
22 stuff and the fact that you're using vegetable oil instead
23 of motor oil, I don't know how you can do any more
1429-016-002 24 mitigation than that. This is a real nice document, but
25 it's hard to read.

1429-016-001 and -002 Comment noted.

1429-016-003

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1 And I asked, you know, where's the summary of the
 2 cost, and they have even done a nice job with that because
 3 it's in there. And this lady has got them back there and
 4 you really ought avail yourself of something that's
 5 readable. Going through the watershed versus Alternative C
 6 through Hobart and Ravensdale, impact on all these things is
 7 much higher than that. Land use, high impact on Hobart,
 8 none on the watershed. Water quality, groundwater high
 9 impact. Where are all the Greenies?
 10 High impact on groundwater going to Alternative C.
 11 Vegetation, low in the watershed, really high in other
 12 places. Visual, my God, nobody's going to be bothered by
 13 going through the watershed. It sure bothers me going
 14 through my backyard. Cultural resources, God, the guy last
 15 night was just disappointed. They dug 1100 holes, right,
 16 1170 holes and they only got two things that were even
 17 close. God, maybe they got a good one, maybe they got an
 18 artifact. No, they got a railroad spike. And the poor guys
 19 haven't been able to find any spotted owls, but they're
 20 going to keep looking, right?
 21 Public health, safety, high impact, all these
 22 versus the watershed versus Alternative C. So this is a
 23 really good document. My hats are off to you guys. I got
 24 one question to ask you that I was confused about last
 25 night. They say the technology is advanced so well that the

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1429-016-003 and -004 Comment noted.

1429-016-005 Comment noted.

1429-016-006, 007, and 008 Comment noted.

1429-016-009 BPA is following the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service protocols for surveying for the northern spotted owls. Those surveys call for surveys to be conducted over a two-year period during the nesting period of the spotted owl (March 15th through June 15th), unless the project would be constructed in the year the first survey would be conducted. Surveys were conducted during the nesting period in 2002, and they are scheduled for 2003 as well. If any spotted owls are identified, BPA would comply with timing restrictions so as not to disturb the protected species.

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1 efficiency of putting this second line through will more
2 than take care of the cost of the line. Is that right?

3 MR. MIKE KREIPE: The energy losses.

4 MR. RON IVERSON: Yes. In other words, they're
5 saying the technology will be so much better that the
6 economic value and the loss savings is greater than the cost
7 of the line.

8 MR. MIKE KREIPE: It's really not due to
9 technology. If this were to happen 20 years ago, the same
10 situation of today, it's just the physics of how losses
11 occur in the system.

1429-016-010

12 MR. RON IVERSON: Final thing is: What's the
13 bottom line on cost. If you read this baby, would you
14 rather spend 23 million bucks of your taxpayer money or
15 double that to 50 million going through Alternative C?
16 Look at all these costs. I really empathize with the lady
17 here who's losing some of her property and so forth. But I
18 heard that Sierra guy talk last night, and he wants to
19 litigate. The longer this thing hangs on, the worse it's
20 going to be for everybody. So slimy litigators, I have no
21 use for that outfit, and I listened to them afterwards and I
22 appreciate what you guys are up against. Are they're going
23 to give her a section of land? Hell no. Are they going to
24 give me any land? Hell no. But this guys holding out
25 they'll give a whole section 25 and he's holding these guys

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1429-016-010 Comment noted.

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1 hostage for that. So be aware that some of the
2 environmentalists, these Greenies will really be
3 anti-Greenies as far as I'm concerned.

4 MR. HILARY LORENZ: My name is Hilary Lorenz. My
5 property would fall under Alternative C. Last night I spoke
6 about forebay cleaning at the Landsburg Diversion Site. I
7 wanted to read from a -- the Draft Final Landsburg Master
8 Plan. This was put out by Seattle Public Utilities. This
9 is from their executive summary. On page 7 of that, it
10 says, Presently the Landsburg intake forebay is cleaned once
11 yearly during a shutdown of the intake. Deposited silt,
12 sludge and organic debris are removed by SPU crews using
13 hand tools and power equipment. That's just Seattle's
14 documentation of what they do in forebay. I have two other
15 documents I'd like to speak from, both of them are generated
16 either by SPU or for SPU, Seattle Public Utilities.

17 One is an executive summary from their Cedar River
18 Facilities Planning Project where they discuss the potential
19 construction of filtration facilities at the Lake Youngs.
20 The facilities planning project consisted of a series of
21 tasks that addressed various technical aspects and planning
22 considerations relating to the implementation of ozone
23 treatment for SPU's Cedar River water flood. Prudent
24 planning also resulted in consideration of granular media
25 filtration and other particle removal technologies.

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1429-036-001 Comment noted.

1429-036-002

1 The summary conclusion in this executive summary
2 says that SPU is planning to implement substantial
3 improvements to its water treatment and supply facilities at
4 the Cedar River source. These projected improvements are
5 based on multiple barrier approach to public health
6 protection and feature the addition of ozone disinfection
7 compatible with addition of filtration facilities at New
8 Lake Youngs intake and roll water pump station. Additional
9 treatment facilities, including filtration, may be justified
10 if, one, regulations change; two, there are new health
11 effects data; three, long-term costs can be minimized
12 through alternative delivery and public/private
13 partnerships.

1429-036-003

14 And I would suggest that they're looking for
15 reduced costs with partnerships maybe with BPA. One other
16 document I want to read from, the Seattle Water Department,
17 Cedar River Surface Water Treatment Rule Compliance Project,
18 dated January 1996. In the executive summary of that under
19 pilot study objectives, they studied -- in this document
20 they studied two treatment regimes. One was ozone treatment
21 only, which is what they are progressing with now. The
22 other alternative was ozone/filtration. Ozone/filtration,
23 the additional benefits of filtration combined with
24 ozonation including turbidity and particle removal
25 providing a further barrier to parasite removal.

1429-036-004

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1429-036-002 and -003 Comment noted.

1429-036-004 Comment noted.

1 disinfection by-product precursor removal, case in order
 2 reduction, as well as increased system operational
 3 flexibility must be balanced against the added cost for
 4 filtration. Optimum filtration conditions should provide
 5 effective removal of contaminants in the most cost effective
 6 manner. That's from 1996 they're looking at cost effective
 7 manner of filtration.

1429-017-001

8 MS. JOANNA PAUL: I'm Joanna Paul, and I'm in the
 9 area of number one. We will lose our home if BPA comes this
 10 way. None of this was our idea. We lived in the Burien
 11 area and were purchased 25 years ago after 14 years by the
 12 Port of Seattle. We have done this once before. We moved
 13 out to where we thought we could get away from the airplanes
 14 and everything else. We had no idea that a power line was
 15 going to come in. Having a power line come through is not
 16 the issue. The issue is our property. They will be taking
 17 two and a half acres that our house is on and we have over
 18 seven. There is no compensation for that. None of this was
 19 our idea. This has caused us a great deal. It has caused
 20 me a stroke, closing a business and they have undervalued
 21 our property by at least a hundred thousand dollars.

1429-017-002

22 Now, I don't know about you, but a hundred
 23 thousand dollars is a lot of money to me. And we also feel
 24 that we've been harassed. We get calls several times a day.
 25 Not only are we called but then they come out -- and when I

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1429-017-001 See response to Comment 1429-013-002.

1429-017-002 and -003 BPA apologizes for the disruption that this project has caused people along the project routes. It is our intent to treat people fairly and with respect. We have offered to buy the lot and house in an effort to negotiate an agreement. We do not have authority to condemn more property than is needed for the transmission project. We can condemn only the necessary right of way. Our measurements indicate that the house would be approximately 18 feet from the outer edge of the right of way and approximately 71 feet from the nearest conductor of the power line, if the line is built.

1429-017-002

1 speak of them I'm referring to BPA -- there's notes left on
 2 my door, my car windshield. One phone call is enough. And
 3 when we say we're not going to take their offer, which is a
 4 hundred thousand dollars less, at least, we're told they
 5 will condemn us and they will not only condemn us but then
 6 they will take just what they need, not our house, so the
 7 power lines will sit seven feet from our house.

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8 You're talking about how dangerous it is. It's
 9 dangerous to us. I have no problem with the routes. I have
 10 a problem with not receiving fair compensation. None of
 11 this was my idea. BPA literally showed up on my doorstep in
 12 December and said they wanted to do this. If they get away
 13 with this, if they condemn our property, if they take what
 14 they want to take and not pay for it, keep it in mind
 15 because it's our property this time, it may be yours next
 16 time.

1429-017-005

1429-018-001

17 MR. GEORGE McFADDEN: My name is George McFadden.
 18 I live in Issaquah. I want to speak this evening about
 19 minimizing environmental damage and the public participation
 20 process. Having reviewed some of these options, I believe
 21 that the shortest route through the watershed is probably
 22 the one that also is the least environmentally damaging. I
 23 understand that you have many people that see that
 24 differently, including the City of Seattle. But I also want
 25 to point out in terms of public participation, when the City

1429-017-004 and -005 See response to Comment 1429-013-002.

1429-018-001 and -002 Comment noted.

1429-018-002

1 of Seattle abandoned the 16 road inside the watershed, they
 2 put heavy equipment in the stream, they removed a roadbed,
 3 they put more sediment in their water supply than this
 4 project will ever hope to do.

1429-018-003

5 The people who live along Dead Dog Road, I'm sure
 6 the City has told you that they have a fourth practice
 7 application file, you can comment till Friday. They're
 8 going to put gravel packs along Dead Dog Road to haul rock
 9 into the watershed and then they're going to haul logs out.
 10 I'm sure the City of Seattle has informed the neighbors.

1429-018-004

11 I'm sure they have held public meetings, and I'm sure they
 12 have allowed you to comment. That is the process and it
 13 should happen. It could be a little disingenuous if they
 14 don't. Thank you very much.

1429-019-001

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I guess my question is
 16 why is BPA so resonant in providing these folks that are
 17 being affected with the proper compensation -- why is BPA so
 18 resonant in apparently providing proper and fair
 19 compensation to these people that are being affected. You
 20 know, that in itself gives you a bad black eye after all the
 21 good work you've done on your study. And I guess I wonder
 22 why you would be so miserly with five or six people when you
 23 can accomplish what needs to be done and affect the least
 24 amount of people and look like heroes except that all of a
 25 sudden you come up looking rather stingy.

1429-018-003 and -004 Comment noted.

1429-019-001 and -002 See response to Comment 1429-013-002.

1429-019-001

1429-019-002

1 And I guess that's a big concern to me to think
2 that you would be that way, because like she said, it could
3 be our property next. And if you go through Winterwood
4 Estates, you're not going to have just five people on you.
5 And like I said, you just might as well fold up your tent
6 because the lawyers will tie you up for at least ten years
7 or more.

8 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: Well, I'll try to address that
9 a little bit. It's just a fact of life in this business
10 here is that nobody wants transmission lines. No matter
11 where we go, there's going to be people that are not going
12 to like what we're doing. From a fair compensation
13 standpoint, that process and what we go through is that we
14 have often our own appraisers go out there and they appraise
15 the property and they take a look at that and they present
16 that appraisal to the landowner.

17 And if the landowner doesn't like it, we offer to
18 have it done by an independent appraiser, and in this case
19 this year the independent appraisers were brought in and
20 they appraised the property, and that value was presented to
21 the people. And those appraisals are based on fair market
22 value of similar properties that have sold in the area on a
23 recent basis.

24 As a federal agency, BPA has difficulty in there's
25 some rules in place, laws in place that we cannot pay a lot

1 more than fair market value for properties. It has to be
 2 some reason for us paying more than fair market value. So
 3 we try to take a look at properties and try to pay fair
 4 market value. Now, if there's no arrangement made between
 5 BPA and that landowner, then people talk about the word
 6 condemnation, and, yes, that's an avenue that BPA can take
 7 and will take. We don't like doing that.

8 But as part of that process, then, it gives BPA
 9 the right to go in and construct the line. But then BPA
 10 does not put the value on the property. That, then, is
 11 determined in court and the court will rule on what that
 12 value ought to be. That value is sometimes less, sometimes
 13 equal or sometimes more than what BPA has offered the
 14 landowner.

15 So I hope that addresses your question. But as
 16 far as the community where you're at, it's even more
 17 difficult because in there BPA already has the right-of-way,
 18 so there will be no value, there will be no payments in that
 19 sense to those landowners who live immediately adjacent to
 20 Alternative A just east of Covington.

21 MR. SCOTT TAYLOR: I'm afraid he kind of took most
 22 of my question there, so I'll ask a little bit of a follow
 23 up. In the event that you need to go to an independent
 24 person for evaluation of property, how does that process
 25 work? How do you choose the independent evaluator of the

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1429-020-001 BPA's offer is based on either a staff appraisal, or a contract appraisal. BPA's contract appraisers must be certified in the state where the property to be appraised is located. BPA's staff appraisers are not required to be state certified, but have chosen to be certified in at least one of the states within BPA's service area. Both BPA's contract appraisers and staff appraisers must adhere to the "Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices," as well as the "Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions." BPA requires that any contract appraiser be state certified and maintain a positive professional reputation, and must be familiar with the property types being appraised.

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1 property?

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2 And part B of my question is: In areas where you
 3 do currently have easement but you increase or impact the
 4 area, for instance, I've got fairly large towers running
 5 through the north side of my property, but if you decided to
 6 make even bigger towers, how do you handle situations like
 7 that where you clearly impact the value of my property but
 8 you already have that easement?

1429-020-003 |

9 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: I think there's a couple of
 10 questions there. One, we choose an appraiser hopefully that
 11 the landowner agrees with also, but it needs to be an
 12 appraiser that's recognized, so -- by the appraisal
 13 community. The second question if BPA already has the
 14 right-of-way, then in most cases BPA also has the right to
 15 certain construct -- in the case of Alternative A, construct
 16 a transmission line. There used to be a transmission line
 17 there one time. It's a long time ago, trees have grown
 18 back, but nonetheless BPA has the right-of-way there and has
 19 the rights to construct another line there.

20 BPA would like to see what impact that it has on
 21 the landowner there, only in the sense that if there's any
 22 like crops growing there, impacts to like crops. So in
 23 these cases here, there's no crops there. There are trees
 24 there and in a lot of cases BPA maintains that those trees
 25 belong to BPA. In your case there where there is an

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1429-020-002 and -003 The language in the transmission line easement document identifies what can be constructed. If the rights have already been acquired with the original easement, no additional compensation will be offered.

1 existing transmission line there now, BPA in most cases has
 2 a right to tear that line down and put a larger line in
 3 place if that was possible.

4 The compensation there would be based upon where
 5 perhaps the new towers were to go. So if the towers were to
 6 go on your property and they weren't on your property
 7 before, there could be some compensation associated with
 8 that. But there would be no more compensation than that,
 9 and that's just the nature of the thing where BPA bought the
 10 rights a long time ago and then people look at that and the
 11 land values weren't near what they were back then what they
 12 are today, but yet BPA has the rights to construct and
 13 operate and maintain those lines.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Anyways, Lou, are
 15 you aware, I'm sure you're aware that I'm holding an
 16 appraisal here, the original appraisal that was appraised,
 17 and on the inside of the appraisal, the part that I'm not
 18 supposed to have, here it has 25 acres, at that time I had a
 19 20 acre piece and a 5 acre piece because the subdivision was
 20 not completed at that time, so that's how they looked at it,
 21 instead of two five acre pieces, but they put on the inside
 22 of that land, timber and improvements was worth -- 25 acres
 23 was worth \$750,000. Well, that breaks down to 30,000 an
 24 acre.

25 Then they go to the front of this, and they then

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1429-021-001 The BPA staff appraisers have reviewed the Kangley-Echo Lake Project appraisals with a value of \$25,000 per acre for rural residential home sites. We could not find a discrepancy as far as a value of \$25,000 per acre. However, on the appraisal summary table, there is a "total value of property," including land and improvements. The value per acre could be misconstrued if the value of the improvements was not itemized separately from the land. The total property value includes land, improvements (if any), uneconomical remnants (if any), timber, etc. If you would like to review the appraisal prepared for the landrights needed by BPA on your property, BPA's appraisal staff is available to answer any of your questions.

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1 put total appraised value or the appraisal value per acre
2 there is \$25,000 an acre on the front, but yet on the inside
3 you're telling me my land's worth 30,000. But they're
4 offering me 25 on front. And then on top of it, I don't
5 know if the rest of you are aware, he was talking about
6 hired appraiser. Well, their appraiser for my property is
7 their on-staff appraiser, Tom Walcott, and he is not
8 licensed by Washington. Portland, he is out of Portland.
9 He's not licensed in any other state to appraise. He does
10 not have to be licensed because he's federal.

11 I called the Department of License, Real Estate
12 Appraisal Section and talked to Mr. Ralph Burkdoll. And,
13 anyways, I asked him doesn't Tom have to be licensed to
14 appraise here, and he said, Well, if he's federal, no, he
15 doesn't, but he has to go by the appraisal guidelines. But
16 it's also very hard for Tom Walcott, who's in Portland, and
17 when he came and sat at my table, I asked him, I said, do
18 you know certain regulations, certain things in King County
19 that are going on, and he did not know. He could not come
20 up with the right answers for that.

21 And I've been told that an appraiser cannot come
22 in out of an area that he's not familiar with and properly
23 appraise anyone's property. And then when I talked to you
24 in June, I asked you about, okay, I'm going to have an
25 appraiser appraise my property. So I used the same

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1 appraiser, I paid for him. I hired him, I paid for him, and
2 I had him appraise my property, the same one that you people
3 had hired to appraise the other people's properties, and you
4 still weren't happy with the appraisal that he came up with
5 because it came up quite a bit higher than your appraisal,
6 so --

7 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: I do not know the details in
8 your situation there.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: You're not aware of
10 any of these details, none of these real estate specialists
11 have ever told you about any of this?

12 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: They have told me about some of
13 the items, yes.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Well, then, maybe
15 you and I need to talk.

16 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: I'll talk to our realty
17 department about your situation.

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18 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Do you have any
19 comment on -- why Tom Walcott -- you sat here and told these
20 people that you use an outside appraiser. You didn't use an
21 outside appraiser on my property. Why Tom Walcott?

22 MR. PAUL WOOLSON: Tom Walcott is a skilled
23 appraiser working for the federal government. I don't know,
24 Tina, that this is the vehicle --

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25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Well, you told these

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1 people that you are using a licensed appraiser. You're
2 making your guys look good again. They have no idea. They
3 have no idea.

4 MR. PAUL WOOLSON: Tom Walcott is a skilled
5 appraiser working for the federal government. Whether we
6 use a fee appraiser or whether we use a staff appraiser, the
7 appraiser still has to follow the same regulations, it's
8 called "Use Pap," they still have to follow the same
9 appraisal practices, and Tom Walcott did.

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10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: But how can he be
11 familiar with this area?

12 MR. PAUL WOOLSON: And there was a disagreement
13 with value, Bonneville Power and the property owner are
14 still negotiating, and there's still a possibility we might
15 be able to reach a settlement, Tina. And I think that's all
16 we're still trying to do.

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17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I still want to talk
18 with you people too, but I want these people to know what's
19 going on. Bonneville is not all the good guy that they are
20 making themselves out to be. They intended to go through
21 this watershed, they plan on going through this watershed.
22 None of you people, I don't care what they tell you, have
23 ever been of risk of them going through your property.

24 I have rebar in my property. I have cement just
25 off my property that they have poured and tested for holding

1429-021-002 Comment noted.

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1 these new towers that they're going to put. If any of you
2 want to come to my place, I'll be glad to show you the
3 rebar, the tower test spots they already poured. They have
4 poured every fourth tower test spot. They plan on going
5 through here. They just don't want to condemn the watershed
6 because then they will look like the bad guy, and they can
7 have my property, I don't care. They can have it. I don't
8 want to hold up progress, but I just want to be paid,
9 compensated for it. I don't want any more people displaced.
10 I'm sorry.

11 MS. DIANE ADAMS: And I understand your concern
12 and I think your comment has been recorded and heard by BPA.
13 They clearly continue negotiation, I guess --

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14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Well, they need to
15 hear it, then. The rest of the people need to know what's
16 going on with us five people because they haven't heard it.
17 They haven't. They might have heard us, but they're really
18 not listening and they don't want anybody else to know.

19 MS. DIANE ADAMS: Well, you've been heard tonight.
20 I guarantee it. There is one more question and we will
21 recess back into the open house.

22 MR. DAVE PIMENTEL: Well, excuse me, after that,
23 you know, I hate to even ask this question. My concern
24 is -- and, you know, that's some fresh information that
25 really brings light how the government works, and it's true

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1 and I believe you. However, I still have a question.
 2 Is it true that after this comment period on March
 3 1st, you know, you're going along here saying we're going
 4 through the watershed, we want to go through the watershed
 5 and on March 2nd you could say, Ha, alternative C, and we
 6 would have no recourse at that point. How would that work,
 7 if -- you know, I'm not presuming that you'll do that. But
 8 could that happen? And, if so, how would that change the
 9 whole scheme of actions that would take place?

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10 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: Well, I think I addressed that
 11 earlier, that that is a possibility and I want people to
 12 know that. I want to warn people about that, is that BPA
 13 has gone through an extensive process here and each time
 14 we've come back to you folks we have the same solution, that
 15 is, Alternative 1 as being our preferred. That could still
 16 change.

17 MR. DAVE PIMENTEL: What can change that? The
 18 political powers downtown?

19 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: The political powers of other
 20 folks is a possibility or something else that comes along
 21 that we currently don't know about. Just looking at the
 22 whole aspect of, you know, cost to the system and
 23 environmental issues, the administrator will take a look at
 24 all of those aspects and determine which route looks the
 25 right route to go with.

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1429-022-001 BPA is allowing 45 days for public/agency review of the SDEIS. We acknowledge that the document contains a lot of information, and that an EIS consists of two documents i.e., the draft and final EISs.

1 MR. DAVE PIMENTEL: You guys aren't new at this
2 game. You've been doing this for a long time.

3 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: We've been doing this for a
4 long time, and I think we're trying to show you that we're
5 trying to do at least a good job. So we're looking at all
6 the aspects, we've laid all of those aspects out in this
7 document here. They're the same issues that our
8 administrator will take a look at, our team will come up
9 with a proposal for the administrator, and then the
10 administrator will decide.

11 But part of that is also outside of the scope of
12 this document, and that is the discussions with Seattle, for
13 instance, and some other factors. So right now this looks
14 like the best route to go and that's the direction that
15 we're heading into. But please do not take this as our
16 final decision because a final decision will not come until
17 the earlier part of August. So we will also be coming out
18 with a final EIS in July. There again, there will be a
19 proposal in a document, but it still will not be the final
20 choice. The final choice will be when we put a record
21 decision together.

22 And as far as BPA trying to look like the good
23 guy, I don't think we have ever tried to look like being the
24 good guy. We are trying to do what we consider to be the
25 right thing. We are looking at actual factors associated

1 with this project from an environmental standpoint, a cost
2 standpoint, from impact to people standpoint. Like I
3 indicated earlier, there's going to be people impacted by
4 this project no matter where we go, and a lot of those folks
5 are going to be at least disappointed, if not angry.

6 MS. HELEN JOHNSON: I just had kind of a comment,
7 it pertains to a little bit what this lady was talking about
8 back here. I didn't do a very good job on my speech
9 tonight, so I wanted to make sure that BPA is aware of the
10 fact that Hobart area is made up of several little farms
11 that are close to a hundred years old and I -- it's a very
12 unique area. I think if we pushed it, there may even be
13 some historical value there. And I know I'm familiar with
14 the area that this lady lives in, and I don't want Hobart to
15 look like that. And I am aware of your situation and so,
16 please, take note you've got to save this little area, you
17 have to. It's one of the few remaining places like this
18 left, and to destroy it just for power is -- it just can't
19 happen. You can't allow it to happen. Thank you.

20 MR. RICHARD BONEWITS: I have a question about
21 process. It was brought up and you answered most of the
22 questions that I think people had, but one of them is is
23 there -- when you issue the final impact statement, there is
24 no comment period following that, is there?

25 MR. GENE LYNARD: No, there isn't, and that's

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1429-023-001 and -002 Comment noted.

1429-024-001 After the FEIS is released, people can comment on the
FEIS, but there is no formal comment period. Comments
received on the FEIS are summarized in the Record of
Decision.

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1 why it's called a final document. But if we do get -- we
 2 won't make any decision for 30 days, and if we get any
 3 comments after the final on the final we summarize those and
 4 put those in the record of decision.

5 MR. RICHARD BONEWITS: The second point, Helen,
 6 find some cultural artifacts on your property.

7 MS. HELEN JOHNSON: I've got some railroad spikes
 8 probably or logging spikes.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Do the comment sheets
 10 carry as much weight commentwise as people writing
 11 individual personal letters?

12 MR. GENE LYNARD: Absolutely. It doesn't make any
 13 difference how they come in, e-mail or letters or --

14 MR. DAVE PIMENTEL: What's your history on
 15 situations like this where you've got a preferred
 16 alternative and then the comment period closes? What
 17 percentage of completed projects end up being the preferred
 18 alternative versus going in some other direction after the
 19 comment period, for example?

20 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: I'd like to answer that, but I
 21 don't think I want to answer that due to the situation that
 22 we're in on this project right now.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I got a question --

24 MR. DAVE PIMENTEL: Hold on. Excuse me, sir.

25 MS. DIANE ADAMS: Hang on, please.

1429-025-001 Yes.

1429-026-001 Typically the preferred alternative is the alternative
 implemented if an alternative other than no action is
 chosen, but the agency could pick a different alternative
 based on comments received and other circumstances.

1 MR. DAVE PIMENTEL: He failed to answer my
2 question.
3 MR. SCOTT TAYLOR: He doesn't have to answer it.
4 MR. DAVE PIMENTEL: I would like to know why he
5 can't answer that simple question.
6 MS. DIANE ADAMS: Lou, do you want to repeat your
7 response?
8 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: I do not want to answer that
9 question because it may jeopardize our discussions with
10 Seattle. Thank you.
11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I'm just looking at
12 the map here, and it looks like Alternative 2 would cure the
13 whole problem.
14 MS. DIANE ADAMS: I think what the gentleman is
15 looking at here is going Alternative 4A instead of 4B. Was
16 that correct, sir?
17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yes, yes. It doesn't
18 look like there's any housing in that area at all.
19 MR. GENE LYNARD: Alternative 2 begins at this
20 point here and goes up. Alternative 2 wouldn't require any
21 homes to be taken.
22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: That's what it looked
23 like to me.
24 MS. DIANE ADAMS: And that alternative is still on
25 the table; is that correct?

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1429-027-001 Alternative 2 was originally suggested as an alternative because it avoids existing homes. The city of Seattle, prefers that if a line has to cross the CRW, that it be next to the existing 500-kV line to minimize the overall impacts to the CRW. Alternative 1 is next to the existing line.

1429-027-001

1429-028-001

1 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: All the alternatives are still
2 on the table.

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: When we went to
4 Seattle last time, we were told that if they put the bigger
5 power lines on the Highway A that the people would have to
6 live 350 feet away from the power lines. Now they're
7 telling me you only have to be 75 feet away from it. When
8 we built there, it was a law we had to be 150 feet away from
9 it. Now, why, what's the problem? What happened between
10 Seattle this spring or summer till now?

11 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: I think there may be some
12 difference of perception. I'm not sure where you're getting
13 these numbers. It may be the difference between the
14 right-of-way width and the distance away from the
15 transmission line itself. I believe that the right-of-way
16 that we have in your area there, there's an existing 230
17 kV line -- well, it's 345 kV line energized a 230 and that
18 line will be torn down and a new line would be put in its
19 place, double circuit, with one side would handle the
20 existing line and then the other side would be the new line.
21 That right-of-way is 150 feet wide.

22 For the new larger towers, new larger line, 150
23 feet wide would be adequate for that new line. Houses can
24 be constructed immediately adjacent to that right-of-way,
25 and in a lot of cases houses are adjacent to that

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1429-028-001 Homes can be built adjacent to the transmission line right-of-way. The existing right-of-way you are referring to is 150 feet wide and is wide enough for the new line. Transmission lines are usually constructed in the middle of the right-of-way. That means homes need to be at least 75 feet from the center of the lines to be outside the right-of-way.

1 right-of-way. So we're not advocating at this point of
 2 needing more right-of-way than what's out there, so that's
 3 one reason why that route was chosen, because the
 4 right-of-way width is adequate the way it is right now.
 5 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Why did they tell us
 6 that then --
 7 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: 350 feet?
 8 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: I don't know where that came
 9 from.
 10 MS. DIANE ADAMS: Lou, is there any follow up that
 11 can clarify that for her?
 12 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: I think I just did. I don't
 13 know where that three hundred and whatever feet came from at
 14 that time. The right-of-way there is 150 feet wide and
 15 we're not looking for anything additional outside of that.
 16 So whatever happens outside of that right-of-way it's up to
 17 the landowner. So if there are houses there, they would
 18 remain, and if they want to build a new house, that would be
 19 fine also. It just can't be inside of 150 foot
 20 right-of-way.
 21 MS. DIANE ADAMS: Did answer that your question?
 22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I guess it has to
 23 be.
 24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: If you go through the
 25 Covington area, there's a small airport just adjacent at

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1429-029-001 The location of the airport was identified in the Land Use, Recreation, Transportation Technical Study Report in Appendix L, and identified on Figure 13 in that report. The Crest Airpark appears to be located approximately 3/4 mile south of Alternative A, at its closest point. The EIS concluded that since the towers would be less than 200 feet high, that they would not enter navigable airspace, therefore, Alternative A would have no long-term impact on this or any other airport in the vicinity of the project.

1429-029-001

1 Crest Air Park. Has that ever been addressed? Does the
2 power line in any way enter into the air traffic pattern?

3 MR. MIKE KREIPE: I think we looked at that and
4 the airport is to the south of the corridor. On the
5 corridor is the Raver-Tacoma line, the big double circuit, I
6 think it's on the north side, and the new structure would be
7 on the north of it. Actually, if it's a single circuit, it
8 will be shorter than the double-circuit towers to the south
9 of it. So it will be below what's already there.

10 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: BPA does work with FAA on those
11 kinds of issues and make sure that there isn't a problem.

1429-030-001

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: It's my understanding
13 that the federal government looks at the BPA as an agency,
14 that they have said to you guys that they no longer want to
15 invest any money, that it's kind of up to you guys to create
16 your own investing dollars and funding for the future,
17 that's my understanding.

18 MR. GENE LYNARD: Self financing.

1429-030-002

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Right. Going back to
20 the gentleman's comment where he was talking about the
21 increase in power demands currently is running about 2
22 percent, it looks like to me in the future it's 2 percent,
23 and the question came up about you were talking about
24 technological advancement, fuel cells, et cetera. Does the
25 BPA take any funding and put in those?

1429-030-001 and -002 BPA supports the use of fuel cells and other distributed generation alternatives to meet future power needs. BPA's Energy Efficiency Organization has two programs to promote these technologies. The first is the Energy Web, which integrates the utility electrical system, telecommunications system, and the energy market to optimize loads on the electrical network, reduce costs to consumers and utilities, facilitate the integration of renewable resources, increase electrical system reliability and reduce environmental impacts of load growth.

The second is BPA's Fuel Cell Development Program, which has the goal of accelerating the commercial availability of residential-scale fuel cell systems to meet the distributed power needs of our customers. Because they generate clean, efficient, environmentally-friendly power, fuel cells are a promising source of supplementary electricity to meet future demands. Potential applications include: on-site generation in remote locations, solving power quality or reliability problems, improving system efficiencies where both electricity and hot water are needed, offsetting the need to build new power lines and other applications where environmental impact is the focus. While fuel cells have great potential, they'll need a few more breakthroughs before they can reliably and cost-effectively defer transmission upgrades.

1 MR. MIKE KREIPE: We have a pilot program, I can't
2 remember the numbers exactly, it was more than ten sites --
3 we bought equipment and we're siting them in ten locations
4 to learn about them. It's part of our looking at new
5 technology and determining how it really operates and
6 whether they're mature to go into further.

7 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: This is for the fuel cell
8 technology.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Are you close enough
10 to be able to defer these kind of projects at all? Are you
11 close enough to any kind of breakthrough there where you are
12 able to say we don't need to do anything?

13 MR. MIKE KREIPE: Take the fuel cell because it's
14 probably the most important thing to talk about here. I do
15 a little bit of reading in that, and they were -- of
16 course, it was the power source in the space programs way
17 back to the '60s. Of course, they're -- it's very
18 expensive. I mean, that isn't the issue there, they needed
19 the power source. It's been 34 years since we know about
20 and working with these. I know ten years ago it was
21 forecast that they would be commercial now.

22 I know in the last few years people admitted it's
23 taking so much time. There are demonstration sites out now,
24 so it's being sold, it seems to be running -- it's getting
25 to fruition a lot slower than what was expected ten years

1429-030-002

1 ago. I don't know if it's going to slow down some more.
2 It's kind of an unknown. All I can say is it's not come as
3 fast as it's been expected, but I hope it's still going to
4 come, I still expect it to come. It's just going to take
5 some more time.

6 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: BPA is also involved with other
7 research associated with making our transmission grid more
8 efficient. So we, for instance, placed a newer technology,
9 certainly new to us, in Maple Valley Substation that allowed
10 us to defer construction of new facilities. So it's a type
11 of equipment that makes our facilities much more efficient
12 under certain circumstances. So we're also continually
13 looking at our existing system and trying to figure out ways
14 to make it more efficient using existing technology.

15 For instance, in the late '80s and early '90s, BPA
16 had the project of looking to bring another transmission
17 line across the Cascades into Seattle. And by constructing
18 a new substation in Ellensburg area we were able to defer
19 that new line, and right now it's still not on our books as
20 being needed. So we're continually looking at new
21 technology and looking at our existing system to see how we
22 can make it better. We don't like to spend money building
23 new facilities any more than anybody else does.

24 MR. MIKE KREIPE: And just so -- part of what Lou
25 was talking about was FACS devices. It's come up in these

	1	meetings before. I wanted to make sure you understood that.
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	3	WRITTEN COMMENTS:
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1429-031-001	5	Property owner cannot maintain the ROW when open to
1429-031-002	6	the public. Vandalism, dumping, and dangerous activities
	7	occur on a frequent basis.
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1429-032-001	9	Maps need descriptive layers to show routes and
	10	property lines.
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1429-033-001	12	Have lived 50 years next to RTA, don't want the
	13	project to be delayed as the property owners want to get on
	14	with their lives.
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1429-034-001	16	Alternate C crosses over my house. I am planning an
	17	extensive remodel. Already have permits and materials. If
	18	you were me, what would you do?
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1429-035-001	20	Seattle Public Utility has trashed watershed. Now
1429-035-002	21	they want to trash private owners' properties on Route C.
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1429-031-001 and -002 When BPA acquires rights-of-way for its transmission facilities, they are not made available for public use. Sometimes landowners and BPA can work together to place gates across access roads that BPA uses to access its transmission facilities.

1429-032-001 Comment noted.

1429-033-001 Comment noted.

1429-034-001 The landowner needs to continue with their planning and construction. If BPA were to chose a route that would directly impact a residence, then BPA would pay for the value of the home at that time. Improvements to the home would increase its value and BPA would pay for that fair market value.

1429-035-001 and -002 Comment noted.

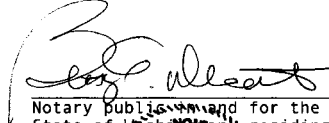
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1 MS. MARGARET CRABTREE: And I think Alternative
 2 1. I prefer that because there's less disturbance. There's
 3 already an existing one across from it, less disturbance to
 4 the environment and the people and it will be less cost. I
 5 think that should be important and really considered.
 6 KATHY MYERS: My name is Kathy, with a K, Myers,
 7 M-y-e-r-s. I just wanted to state my support for the
 8 preferred Alternative 1. I think that is by far the wisest
 9 choice.
 10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah. On your
 11 preferred route going through the watershed, then, the way I
 12 understand it, if that's turned down for some other reason,
 13 then the process is go back all the way through the whole
 14 scope of what we've been going through the last four years?
 15 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: No. We've done everything, at
 16 least from our opinion, that we need to do. We've
 17 identified all these different alternatives, and it's a
 18 matter of choosing one of those alternatives. So we do not
 19 need to go back and redo all of the scoping meetings and the
 20 environmental NEPA process anyway.
 21 So it's just a matter of when -- the administrator
 22 get's to decide which option does he choose. So it could be
 23 any one of the options, any one of the routing options or
 24 the no-action, which means we do nothing, or the option that
 25 Mike was describing earlier and that's what we call the

1430-001-001 and -002 Comment noted.

1430-002-001 Comment noted.

1430-003-001 This assumption is incorrect. BPA has conducted its environmental review on 9 build alternatives, a non-transmission alternative and a no action alternative. BPA's Administrator will select one of these alternatives at the conclusion of the environmental review, currently expected in July 2003. The administrator is expected to make his decision on the project sometime in August.

1 nontransmission alternative.

2 MR. GENE LYNARD: I would add, if one of the other
3 alternatives would be chosen other than the preferred, there
4 would be a lot of environmental work that would need to be
5 done. We would -- for the preferred, we recognized it as a
6 preferred early on and we knew we had endangered species in
7 the area, so we prepared a biological assessment and we
8 initiated consultation with the National Marine Fishery
9 Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service. We have also
10 conducted a culture resource survey along the whole length
11 of Alternative 1 and dug 1170 holes as part of our
12 responsibility under the Archeological Protection Act. And
13 on B and D, for example, in the National Forest, we would
14 have to do -- survey for survey and managed species in
15 addition to endangered species. There would be a lot of
16 work involved in that.

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1430-003-003

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Then assuming that all
18 the routes are still on the table, can you give me a ranking
19 in terms of what route after Route 1 would be looked at
20 next?

21 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: We don't rank the different
22 alternatives. I think if you will look at the document,
23 there's a table in there, Gene.

24 MR. GENE LYNARD: Yeah, Summary Table 2.3 in the
25 EIS is a summary of all the impacts of all the different

1430-003-002 and -003 BPA does not rank the options in that way. It would have to take a look at all the factors to determine the next likely option. Table 2-3 compares all the options, including cost.

1430-003-004 |

1 resource areas along with the cost of each alternative.
 2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Is some of it, then,
 3 done by cost only then?
 4 MR. GENE LYNARD: We have looked at the cost, what
 5 each alternative would cost and then that cost information
 6 is in that same table, it's Table 2.3, which is in here.
 7 It's also in the CD contained in the summary.
 8 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: So we -- BPA and other
 9 utilities have tried to rank different alternatives some
 10 years ago, and we found that that doesn't really work
 11 because the rankings are based upon what your perspective
 12 is. So if your perspective is from a landowner, then you're
 13 going to weigh it one way. If your perspective is from not
 14 wanting to take any trees out from a wildlife habitat
 15 standpoint, you're going to weigh it another way.
 16 So what we've done is we've outlined what we
 17 consider the impacts are for every alternative, and you can
 18 come up with your own conclusion about which one you think
 19 is best, including, like Gene says, also from a cost
 20 standpoint. So that table includes all the different
 21 impacts from all the different categories and also from the
 22 cost. And then you can take a look at that and I think
 23 you'll see why we chose the preferred route as being the
 24 preferred.

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25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah, I was just

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1430-003-004 See responses to Comments 1430-003-002 and -003 and 1429-020-001.

1430-004-001 People can comment on the final EIS, but no public meetings will be held. BPA has 30 days after the final before the Administrator can sign a Record of Decision, which will designate BPA's decision about the project. BPA will notify the public of the decision.

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1 looking to clarify what you were talking about. I think
2 what John was alluding to is you're going to get a lot more
3 resistance, especially from this group, if we feel it's
4 coming through the alternate that's going to effect us. So
5 we're trying to get a handle on is there going to be another
6 comment period if you decide to go with another route or are
7 you going to just go and start building it?

8 MR. GENE LYNARD: No, there won't be another
9 comment period.

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10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: So how do we know,
11 then, if our alternative or the one that's going to effect
12 us is going to be considered, if it doesn't -- you can't
13 explain or guarantee what it's going to cost, you don't
14 really have what parameters you're going to decide about.
15 So we're going to go home thinking we are safe, and then all
16 of a sudden there's going to be trucks pulling up. That's
17 the concern I have.

18 MR. GENE LYNARD: Well, the Environmental Impact
19 Statement, what it does is it contains all the impacts that
20 would happen for each alternative. It's a full disclosure
21 document. The administrator is not required to select the
22 least impact alternative. The administrator will be looking
23 at the cost of the project, looking at how each one of these
24 affects the system, and he'll be looking at what impacts
25 would be created by his decision. And that information is

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1 in the EIS.

2 But the part is when are you going to know, after
3 the administrator does make a decision, we publish his
4 decision in what's called a record of decision. And that
5 record of decision will contain his decision, plus all
6 comments that have come into the agency since the final was
7 produced. They will be summarized.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: When the decision is
9 made I don't really care about. My concerns are if you make
10 a decision other than the main one, I want to have time to
11 comment on it and gather the troops to oppose it. And
12 you're telling me I'm not going to have that opportunity and
13 you're not offering the criteria you're going to use.
14 You're saying it's an impact statement, but they don't have
15 to go by it. So I'm going to leave here the same way I came
16 in, not knowing what you are going to choose, and basically
17 it's going to come to a political thing, you can't even say
18 it's going to be close, or environmental impact or who has
19 the most political clout.

20 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: Well, that's why I mentioned
21 earlier, I don't want people to get the misconception that
22 the final route is chosen. What we have done, though --

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: But the final route
24 being chosen doesn't really mean anything because you're
25 going to choose it without giving us a chance to respond to

1430-004-002

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1430-004-002 Please see response to Comment 1430-004-001.

1430-004-002 |

1 it.

2 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: No, you are responding to it by
3 coming to these meetings. That's why we have the scoping
4 meeting, that's why we've had this meeting. That's what
5 these meetings are all about, we're getting your comments,
6 and we know that Alternative A and C --

1430-004-003 |

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Well, I can tell you
8 that most of my neighborhood is not here because the fact is
9 that you are going with the preferred route and they assume
10 you're going to go that way. If it goes somewhere else,
11 you're going to get a lot more resistance and they're not
12 going to have a chance to speak.

13 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: I'm not sure you were at our
14 scoping meeting this last time because this room here was
15 filled with people who were opposed to Alternative C and
16 Alternative A. I think we've gotten the message pretty
17 clear about if we were to choose Alternative A or C there's
18 going to be a large opposition to either one of those
19 alternatives. And that's what these meetings are all about,
20 so that's all included. And that's why there's such a huge
21 volume here, because it includes all the comments. We've
22 gotten a tremendous amount of comments on these different
23 alternatives. So I think we understand what the issues are.

1430-004-003 |

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay. I'll take your
25 word for it. But if it goes through A or C, you'll see some

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1430-004-003 Comment noted.

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1 people jumping up and down.
 2 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: We fully expect that.
 3 MR. GENE LYNARD: And we are taking comments on
 4 the EIS, and we hope we get them, up until March 1st. We'll
 5 take input at any time, but for it to be included in the
 6 final EIS we need them by March 1st.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah, you claim that
 8 you haven't decided which route you're going to take, but I
 9 think you guys have pretty much cut and dry you're going to
 10 go with the preferred route because you're already trying to
 11 buy off the property owners out there. I don't know what
 12 you guys are worried about. It looks like it's going to go
 13 right through the property.

1430-004-004

14 You guys have said that's your preferred route.
 15 You've had your people out there, I don't want to say
 16 harassing us, but I am one of the property owners which this
 17 line is going to affect, you're going to take a house, you
 18 know, destroying our livelihood which we have built there.
 19 So I think you guys pretty much made a decision, and to say
 20 these other routes, I don't believe it for one instance,
 21 since I know for a fact you guys have been trying to buy
 22 land from these people and us for practically pennies on a
 23 dollar.

24 I mean, I'm just pretty much can't believe you
 25 guys are up there saying you have alternative routes and you

1430-004-004 BPA has identified Alternative 1 as the proposed route for this line. BPA is willing to take the risk to survey and acquire land rights along Alternative 1 so that the line could be constructed after the Record of Decision, with as little delay for energization as possible. BPA acknowledges that the final decision will not be made until the Record of Decision, which is scheduled for August 2003. If the decision is made to choose another route, then energization would be delayed by several years.

1430-004-004

1 already basically -- by doing that you have already decided
2 which way you're going to go. I mean, doesn't that make
3 sense? You don't go around and pay somebody a bunch of
4 money for their land and then say, hey, we're going to go
5 this way.

6 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: As I mentioned earlier, that's
7 the risk that BPA was willing to take, that there's a lot of
8 efforts that went into the preferred route because we think
9 that this project is necessary for this area and we need to
10 get this project done. And if we don't do this effort in
11 parallel with what the environmental process is, then we
12 would not be able to energize this line when we think this
13 line needs to be energized. So if we were to wait until the
14 record decision and then go through and do the survey and
15 engineering work and the environmental detail associated
16 with that and then construct, you're looking at another two
17 years down the road.

18 So we think this project is needed as soon as
19 possible. We, in fact, were trying to build this project
20 last year and we weren't able to do that because we needed
21 to go back and, like Gene mentioned, reopen up our document
22 again and look at the different alternatives. So we put a
23 lot of effort into this preferred alternative, and I don't
24 think any one of us is denying that, including working with
25 the landowners along there and including buying properties.

1430-005-001

1 because we have bought some properties along in there.
2 We've also bought 350 acres north of the Cedar
3 River Watershed as mitigation for crossing the watershed.
4 So a lot of effort has been put into the project, and BPA is
5 willing to forego all of that if the decision is go to with
6 one of the other alternatives. So I want to make it clear
7 again, we have not made the final decision. It's always
8 possible that one of the other routes gets chosen. So until
9 August, when we will make a final decision, all the
10 different options, all the different routing options are
11 still on the table. They're all still viable, they're all
12 still possible.

13 MR. CLOYD PAXTON: Well, my name is Cloyd Paxton.
14 Let's talk about the effects of EMF. To whom it may
15 concern, I pray it's BPA, magnetic field is a moving charge
16 of particles which might enforce acts on electric current
17 forced and exerted on a given object, like human's bodies,
18 machinery, animals, so on and so forth. That's in Webster.
19 Page 23, Book of the EMF National Institute of Environmental
20 Health Sciences, like the Hanford atomic generator that
21 produced electricity, science knew how to make electricity
22 but did not know how to get rid of the breaking up of the
23 atomic nucleus. So we have lots and lots of radioactive
24 material in large lit vats and containers that causes
25 nausea, vomiting, headaches, diarrhea, loss of hair.

1430-005-001 Comment noted.

1 teeth -- destruction of white blood cells and hemorrhages.
2 Now, that's also proven back in 1920 as a fact. Still we
3 don't know what to do with radioactive radiation water
4 that's leaking into our stream.

5 Let's talk about melatonia efforts or effects in
6 laboratories. In the book EMF, melatonia is the hormone
7 secreted by the penal gland in adverse proportion to the
1430-005-001 8 amount of light received by the retina important to
9 regulating the biorhythm in the eye of a person. And isn't
10 it ironic, I say isn't it ironic that my wife has Uveitis,
11 it's an inflammation of the uvea, and it's inside the
12 eyeball of the eye.

13 Now, doctors call that bird-shot eye, which has no
14 meaning in Webster's language. She's blind. Her driver's
15 license has been taken away because of her blindness. The
16 inflammation is on her retina. We live within 175 feet of
17 that middle line of power, that power line. We are going
18 under the power line at all times. Since the 40 years we
19 have been, had heart surgery twice, two angioplasty
1430-005-002 20 operations. Now my heart rhythm is off beat, it don't beat
21 right now. Had it checked here just not too long ago and
22 it's missing a beat.

23 Why all this is happening to me I don't know. But
24 why we take care of the spotted owl, the fish and the bugs
25 and that kind of environment but there are no laws for

1430-005-002 Comment noted.

1430-005-002

1 people telling them how far they should stay away from the
 2 EMF power lines. I say it takes the course of time to
 3 really know what it's doing to the people. Like the Hanford
 4 project, I hate to think of the 500 kV's running across my
 5 property -- right now it's 230 or 240. I am worried about
 6 and frightened of the 500 kV. How much more can we take?
 7 Man can destroy himself, like it says in the Bible.

1430-005-003

8 Now, I wonder about that power line, the power
 9 line that's right by my place. There's a strand of about
 10 2,000 feet, it goes across the Maple Valley River over
 11 across -- or across the Maple Valley Highway, across the
 12 river and on the other side is a stretch of about 2,000
 13 feet. I have seen that baby when they had an earthquake and
 14 looked like that thing was flopping around like galloping
 15 gerty, and what's going to happen when they put a 190-foot
 16 pole up there? I don't know. It worries me, basically,
 17 with all that 500 stuff coming. That's all I got to say.

1430-006-001

18 MR. JON ZAK: Good evening. My name is John Zak.
 19 I live on two and a half acres in a development of about a
 20 hundred homes in Maple Valley. Our eastern property
 21 boundary will be the proposed transmission line right-of-way
 22 for Alternative C. On BPA's preferred alternative route,
 23 the age of the trees is 10 to 30 years. The trees on my
 24 property range in size from two and a half to five foot in
 25 diameter. The trees on my property make the trees in the

1430-005-003 Comment noted. BPA's tower design standards exceed seismic loading standards so our towers will withstand earthquakes.

1430-006-001 Comment noted.

1430-006-001 |

1 watershed look like twigs. I would like to talk about this
2 Cedar River Watershed. This watershed has been decimated by
3 logging for about a hundred years. There are over 600 miles
4 of logging within the watershed. I would like to show you
5 some pictures.

1430-006-002 |

6 I hiked up McClellan's Butte looking into the
7 Cedar River Watershed. You can see I'm standing in some
8 trees that have been there forever and looking down into the
9 logging. This is another picture looking at some of the
10 road cuts. There are 621 miles of gravel logging roads in
11 the watershed. And Seattle complains about erosion, but how
12 much erosion is caused by all the road cuts from the logging
13 roads?

1430-006-003 |

14 Picture looking down at Chester Morris Lake. See
15 the different ages of the trees. Logging roads on the
16 hillsides of the second and third growth timber. A similar
17 picture. I'd like to show a picture of some old growth
18 trees. This is what the watershed should look like. This
19 is the Ashland Curtis Grove on the way up to Snoqualmie
20 Pass. Another picture of the Ashland Curtis Trail from the
21 Ashland Curtis Grove.

1430-006-004 |

22 This is a picture of our backyard. Here's another
23 picture of our backyard. It will go through our eastern
24 property boundary and all these trees will have to be taken
25 down. And here's some of the -- this is some of the work

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1430-006-002 and -003 Comment noted.

1430-006-004 Comment noted.

1430-006-004

1 that Seattle Public Utilities has done on the watershed.
 2 That's actually on their website, it's public information.
 3 See a logging road, all of the erosion?
 4 I have another picture of equipment right around
 5 Chester Morris Lake. And BPA will be using vegetable oil in
 6 their hydraulic systems. I wonder what Seattle will be
 7 using? Here's more equipment. Here's a picture of Chester
 8 Morris Lake. You can see the bad water and the better
 9 water.

1430-006-005

10 Pictures of the construction in the Cedar River
 11 Watershed by Seattle Public Utilities proves their
 12 hypocrisy. Seattle Public Utilities has one standard for
 13 themselves and another one for the BPA. I would like
 14 Seattle Public Utilities to answer these three questions:

15 Number one, where is the evidence that BPA has
 16 caused any harm to the water quality or watershed operation
 17 in its 30 years of operating a power line in the watershed?

1430-006-006

18 Two, what evidence does Seattle have that clearing
 19 an additional 91 acres for a second power line is more
 20 damaging to water quality than failure to progressively
 21 replant the 600 miles of logging roads already in the
 22 watershed?

1430-006-007

23 Three, clearing 91 acres for a second power line
 24 would require one-tenth of one percent of the watershed's
 25 total acreage of 90,240. How can this small amount of

1430-006-005 Comment noted.

1430-006-006 and -007 Comment noted.

1430-006-007

1 clearing have any impact on water quality? That's it.
2 Thank you.

1430-007-001

3 MS. TINA MORGAN: I might need an extra minute or
4 something, but right now I want to speak on behalf of
5 Bonneville. I spoke on behalf of ourselves. We live on
6 Alternative Route No. 1, and we have pretty well accepted
7 the fact that we feel that Bonneville is going to come
8 through our properties and will eventually be able to meet
9 an agreement with the watershed and come through the
10 watershed. So we have pretty well resigned to the fact that
11 they are coming through our properties.

1430-007-002

12 And, anyways, and my opinion of the watershed
13 trying to hold Bonneville up for 230 million, and I don't
14 know how much it is now, if it's even become higher than
15 that, for a filtration system that just because they want
16 Bonneville to buy it to go through the property, I mean, to
17 go through their watershed. So I don't agree with what the
18 Seattle watershed is trying to do with Bonneville. They
19 spent a lot of money on environmental issues and their money
20 that they want for this filtration plant could be spent to
21 help save the fish, to save other environmental issues,
22 so -- and Bonneville is very sensitive, I feel, from what
23 I've read, to environmental issues.

1430-007-003

24 And I also -- I hauled logs out of the Seattle
25 watershed after my husband passed away in 1978, and I did so

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1430-007-001 Comment noted.

1430-007-002 Comment noted.

1430-007-003 Comment noted.

1430-007-003

1 until 1992 until they closed the watershed down. And
2 sometime in the '90s I actually quit hauling in the
3 watershed, particularly I'm not exactly sure on the day they
4 shut the watershed down to logging, but I will tell you we
5 had over a hundred trucks coming out of there a day and we
6 were creating a cloud of dust over that watershed that you
7 could see all the way to Seattle, and they weren't too
8 worried about the filtration system at that time.

9 So I really do feel that Seattle is holding
10 Bonneville up. And as far as impact goes to other people's
11 properties, this probably makes the most sense to go this
12 way, they're impacting the fewest amount of people. But
13 what we're asking for is -- where we're at is you guys have
14 been living this since sometime last year. We've been
15 living this since March 22nd of 2000. And, anyway, that was
16 our first contact.

1430-007-004

17 BPA contacted me March 22nd, and I'm assuming
18 probably the rest of the folks, about their proposal routes
19 about the new 500 kilowatt line. Preferred route at the
20 time was Alternative No. 1 at that time also, through the
21 watershed. They would also affect five private property
22 owners, and I am one of them.

23 Starting in the winter of 2000/2001, they asked
24 for a letter of permission to enter my property, which I
25 signed on December 8th of 2000. BP started that process of

1430-007-004 Comment noted.

1430-007-004

1 surveying and staking their proposed right-of-way across our
2 property. Well, I want to finish this. I spoke for BP, now
3 I want to speak for me.

1430-007-005

4 Anyways, on September 11th of 2001, they contacted
5 us about appraising our land. BP sent out an appraiser to
6 our properties, to my property, anyways, on the 25th and the
7 27th, 2001. During that time, I was very cordial and
8 friendly towards all of the BP folks that came by, and I
9 even showed them where there was already stakes in the
10 ground to save them time on surveying my property. And I
11 actually have a survey -- antique survey post that's from
12 the early 1900s when they came through my land that they
13 have used for satellite pinpointing.

14 Anyways, they assured me they would pay me fair
15 compensation. I gave them total access to my property.
16 April of 2002, BP contacted me about the appraisal on my
17 property was complete as of March 8th, 2002. I'm reading
18 faster. They were ready to present me with the appraisal
19 and also were prepared to write me a check at that time.
20 They also have said that they are not in the habit of
21 necessarily buying property, but then in another time they
22 said they do that all the time, so I'm not sure which one
23 they do.

24 They are affecting two buildable five acre parcels
25 of mine. There will be no building site left on one of the

1430-007-005 See response to Comments 1429-013-002.

1430-007-005

1 five acre parcels, they're taking over half of the other
 2 five acre parcel for easement -- for their easement leaving
 3 an area of 180 feet from their easement to the property line
 4 to build on. Who wants to build on 180 feet from a power
 5 line? The major value of this five acre parcel has been
 6 lost. Okay?

7 The BP appraiser for the loss on these two lots
 8 offered me \$160,000 at that time. So I decided to have my
 9 own property -- at that time I told them I would have it
 10 appraised myself by an appraiser. So I had it appraised at
 11 that time, and, Lou, I told him that's what we were doing at
 12 the summer meetings, and he said that he would wait for that
 13 appraisal. So, anyways, that appraisal was completed and I
 14 turned it in to Bonneville, and they weren't obviously happy
 15 with that appraisal because that appraisal came in about a
 16 hundred thousand dollars higher than what they had appraised
 17 my land to be.

18 Anyways, and the other thing, on the appraisal,
 19 they said on the front of their appraisal that they were
 20 valuing my land at \$25,000 per acre on the front page of
 21 their appraisal, but on the inside of the appraisal, the
 22 part of the appraisal I'm not supposed to really have, they
 23 valued my land as the true value of timber, land and
 24 improvements at \$30,000 an acre. So I don't quite get why
 25 it's 25 on the front page and then 30,000 on the inside.

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1430-007-005 See response to Comments 1429-013-002. BPA did not agree with the conclusion of value presented by the appraiser that you hired. If you would like to discuss the differences in the appraisals with BPA's staff appraisers, please contact us.

1430-007-005 BPA staff appraisers are not required to be state certified. However, all BPA staff appraisers have chosen to be state certified in at least one of the states within BPA's service area. BPA appraisers follow the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practices and follow all applicable federal guidelines. Also see response to Comment 1429-021-001.

1 And their appraiser, Tom Walcott, is the one who
2 did it. He's their in-house appraiser. He's not licensed
3 in the State of Washington or even Oregon. BP informed me
4 that federal government appraisers do not have to be
5 licensed. BP's Tom Walcott is totally unfamiliar with King
6 County land values and does not live here and work here in
7 our day-to-day real estate market. I had a talk with Ralph
8 Burkdoll from Washington State Department of License and
9 Real Estate Appraisers about this. He said he would like to
10 look at their appraisal.

11 So what I'm asking for I don't think -- I'm asking
12 for fair. We are all asking for fair compensation for our
13 property. And we are afraid that -- you know, we are sure
14 they are going to go through our property and we are -- you
15 know, have recited ourselves to that fact, but we need to
16 have fair compensation for our property and we need -- you
17 folks are going to be off the hook, we've all believed,
18 truly believe, of course, the final decision won't be, but
19 as soon as the final decision comes down, if we haven't sold
20 our properties before then, they will condemn us. And we
21 have been told this. They tell us that every day.

22 Every time they call us, "We're going to condemn
23 you, we're going to condemn." We're told this constantly.
24 Anyways, you have no idea when you give an easement you have
25 no rights left on your property. You can only use it for

1430-007-005

1430-007-005 BPA apologizes for the disruption that this project has caused people along the project routes. It is our intent to treat people fairly and with respect.

1430-007-005

1 pasture basically, you have no rights, if they let you use
2 it for pasture. They will permit you to grow some products
3 on it, some crops or something, as long as they're within a
4 certain size and so on and so forth. But you have to get a
5 permit from them to do that. You have to pay for a permit,
6 unless they waive this permit.

7 You have no idea what you're giving up when they
8 take an easement from you, and all we want to do is be paid
9 for the damages and for that compensation. And I'm sorry if
10 I took a little bit too long, but I thought I started out on
11 BP's side as far as where they need to go, but we need to be
12 compensated and we are asking in that neighborhood, there's
13 only five of us, for your help and for your support. And
14 the state representatives that you have had on board, we
15 need help from those state representatives because I don't
16 feel at this time that we're going to get a fair shake
17 unless we get some help. Thank you.

1430-008-001

18 MR. DON BRIGMANN: I got most of my frustrations
19 out before, but I just wanted to reiterate basically what
20 this woman is saying. If we are going to be spending these
21 many millions of dollars for the thing, why can't you just
22 go offer them a hundred thousand over, no matter who it
23 effects, unless you're talking a hundred homes. I
24 understand you are talking five to ten properties. So why
25 don't we just go from 100,000 over property value and half a

1430-008-001 BPA must follow Public Law 91-646, 49 CFR Part 24, as
well as the federal acquisition guidelines.

1430-008-001

1 mill more and it's done and that seems like a fair thing to
2 do. No matter who gets it. I mean, I'm opposed to you
3 taking my house. But my house is worth well over three
4 hundred thousands, and if it goes through the backyard, it
5 takes all my trees down, I'm looking right at the line, it
6 would go down at least a hundred thousand dollars, fifty
7 thousand dollars in property value. So I would be basically
8 a hundred thousand more in mortgage than the home would be
9 worth. So no matter who it goes through, I agree with what
10 she's saying. They should be fairly compensated, and if
11 it's that important a thing and it's such a small amount of
12 homes, overcompensate.

1430-009-001

13 MR. STEVE BRUNETTE: Like I said, I'm a property
14 owner, and Tina has pretty much said what I've kind of felt
15 all along, they are going to come through our land. And we
16 have a house, we actually have two homes in which it is
17 going to effect. We have a barn underneath one of the
18 right-of-ways right now which is an existing line and
19 they're going to take that, too. It's too close to the
20 line, it will start a fire and burn down the other line,
21 that's going to be gone.

22 We have a horse that's been living there, and I
23 can't have a building over 10-by-10, so I don't know where
24 he's going to go. And we have a rental house there, and
25 it's a business. That's kind of our retirement. We figured

1430-009-001 and -002 See responses to Comments 1429-013-002
and 1430-008-001.

1430-009-002

1 on -- that's why we built two homes, and we're going to be
2 losing that. And we got kids going to college and I, like I
3 said, we didn't plan on this, this is just something that
4 happened.

1430-009-003

5 And we've had two appraisals, nobody's offered us
6 a dime. I don't know what's going on, you know. They're
7 paying rent on property, we are getting paid, they are
8 paying the rent. But we don't know what's going on. They
9 going to come by like gestapo in the nighttime and just take
10 it. We don't know. We don't know anything that's going on.

1430-009-004

11 We had Jill Gaston, I don't know if she's still in
12 charge of the project, but she was the one doing it. Next
13 thing I know I got two other guys out there. Another
14 appraisal, same appraisal person, we don't know what's going
15 on. We just feel if Covington's got a problem with power,
16 go some other place, find it some other place, not in my
17 place. Thank you.

1430-010-001

18 MS. LISA TAYLOR: Hi. I'm Lisa Taylor, and I live
19 at the south end of Tiger Mountain and I'm a member of the
20 Tiger Mountain Ranchettes Landowners Association. Got to
21 love that '50s name. I think these folks are probably tired
22 of seeing me, and I think that they have gotten the message
23 that the communities outside the watershed will oppose with
24 all vigor installation of lines on our property.

1430-010-002

25 I believe very, very much in the need for a

1430-009-003 BPA has contracted for an appraisal of your property with a local appraiser. Upon receipt, we will be in a position to make you an offer on your property. BPA has been negotiating with other landowners along the preferred route for options to purchase transmission line easements, since the decision has not been made to construct.

1430-009-004 Comment noted.

1430-010-001 and -002 Comment noted.

1430-010-002

1 continuity in rural King County as this is being really
 2 quickly. I find it interesting that the county finds my
 3 property to be a precious environmental jewel but yet the
 4 City of Seattle seems to think it's a highly developed
 5 urbanized community. I thought it was my yard.

1430-010-003

6 So I would like to offer some words of maybe not
 7 support, maybe not advice but certainly opinion towards --
 8 directed towards BPA. Our communities support what needs to
 9 be done here. I have researched and so has my husband at
 10 great length nearly every organization and every document
 11 that you guys have brought up. We have looked at your
 12 regulatory requirements, the mechanical engineering need
 13 gets it, I understand why those are needed to maintain a
 14 healthy power grid. Unless we can deliver on-site power as
 15 alternative energy resource in the next six months, I don't
 16 see us getting out of this.

1430-010-004

17 So given that, I think that your preferred
 18 alternative is the clear answer. Also in the time that I've
 19 spent with my community in discussing this, and clearly
 20 we've been doing so since May of last year at great length,
 21 I discovered that there was a large amount of property owned
 22 by Plumb Creek, a timber company, to the south of the
 23 watershed that is between the watershed and Seattle's tap.
 24 I also understand, and this is fact that, you know, others
 25 need to verify for themselves, don't take my word for it.

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1430-010-003 Comment noted.

1430-010-004, -005, and -006 BPA has an option to purchase 640 acres
 from Plum Creek immediately south of the watershed in
 the Kangley/Selleck area. This property could be divided
 into 20 acre parcels. BPA would prevent commercial or
 residential development on this property if it is acquired.

1430-010-005

1430-010-006

1430-010-007

1430-010-008

1430-010-009

1 that the water table in that area is very shallow. This
 2 property has been subdivided for five acre lots. Should
 3 these properties be developed, the Puget Sound is suddenly
 4 going to find septic drain fields and chem lawns in their
 5 water table for their water supply. The City of Seattle
 6 needs this property. I believe it is in the best interest
 7 of my community for them to acquire this property.

8 Additionally, the 350 acres that the BPA has
 9 offered I think is also of benefit. I think additionally
 10 the community is probably going to ask for and support in
 11 your negotiations with the City of Seattle that a buffer be
 12 placed along the Raging River in order to protect that area
 13 more fully and that those lines there be double-circuited to
 14 cross the river as you have with the Cedar.

15 So in the end, I believe that our communities
 16 would back a negotiations with Seattle that would increase
 17 the protection of that area in order for you to get on with
 18 your project. I believe that is ultimately in the best
 19 interest of the City of Seattle, the local community and the
 20 Bonneville Power Administration. I am somewhat frustrated
 21 with the City of Seattle in their discussions regarding the
 22 water filter. We've also spent time researching this and
 23 the data seems to say to me that the City of Seattle has
 24 needed a turbidity filter, will need a turbidity filter and
 25 just doesn't have the cash for one. I do think they are

1430-010-007 and -008 Comment noted.

1430-010-009 Comment noted.

1430-010-009

1 putting you in a bad spot, and I don't support them in that.

1430-010-010

2 So in conclusion, I hope your negotiations with
3 Seattle go well. I think that that's absolutely the answer.
4 If it doesn't, I absolutely require on behalf of the members
5 of my community that all other alternatives receive the same

1430-010-011

6 amount of mitigation that the City of Seattle would receive
7 since you're crossing my drinking water. I also would like
8 that any funds purchased -- or, excuse me, any lands
9 purchased for mitigation for this project come from BPA's
10 budget and not from other conservation funds that may be
11 earmarked for other conservation efforts by the local
12 community.

1430-010-012

13 Lastly, when private properties or even properties
14 owned by corporations are involved, I encourage BPA to work
15 with those folks to come to an equitable agreement regarding
16 acquisition. So I wish you luck. I hope that we come up
17 with an answer that actually works for all of us. Thank
18 you.

1430-011-001

19 MR. THOMAS BIGFORD: My name is Thomas Y. Bigford,
20 and I'm representing myself and my son Jeremy Bigford that's
21 here tonight. And we're at 23330 SE 270th right off the
22 Issaquah Hobart Road. I want to congratulate everyone that
23 got up and spoke before me. Every issue that I was going to
24 bring up has already been said, so thank you very, very much
25 all of you. I'm very impressed with each and every one of

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1430-010-010 and -011 All alternatives would receive the appropriate level of environmental mitigation. On the watershed, the issue is associated with surface drinking water for the city of Seattle and some other local communities, along with the potential of Seattle needing to install an expensive turbidity filtration plant as a result of excessive amounts of turbidity caused by construction of this project. In addition the watershed has a Habitat Conservation Plan established with the USFWS and NMFS. This project needs to mitigate for potential impacts to the HCP. Private properties also have environmental concerns which BPA would address locally on that property, such as minimizing impacts to wells used for drinking water and minimizing impacts to creeks used by endangered fish species by keeping low-growing vegetation. Concerning where the funds come from for the purchase of lands to mitigate impacts to the watershed, those funds will be from BPA. BPA would likely buy more property than is necessary and would be selling those remaining portions. BPA is looking at other agencies to see if they would be interested in purchasing those remaining portions from BPA with whatever fund they have available, which may be from conservation funds.

1430-010-012 Comment noted.

1430-011-001 Comment noted.

1430-011-001

1 you. I concur with your choice. And if it becomes our
 2 alternative route, I would be adamantly opposed to it.
 3 Thanks ever so much.

1430-012-001

4 MR. JOHN HUSON: I just wanted to express my
 5 approval of the preferred Alternative 1 and also if there is
 6 any kind of extension to this process beyond what we have
 7 here, I want to express some dismay and hope that it ends
 8 here, and we will fight to the end, wherever that end might
 9 be. Thank you.

1430-013-001

10 MR. RICHARD BONEWITS: My name is Richard
 11 Bonewits. I'm chairman of the Greater Maple Valley Area
 12 Council. We've been in this battle for the community for
 13 three years. We know these people almost as well as we know
 14 our own family. This is the last of many meetings. I have
 15 been to at least 10, possibly 11, I've lost count, which
 16 were conducted by Lou and his crew in support of this power
 17 line project over the last three years. You haven't heard
 18 half of the questions that have been raised and you haven't
 19 heard half the answers, but they have given good answers,
 20 solid answers every time. We have checked them on the power
 21 lines, Lisa said, the power demand requirements, we've
 22 checked conservation and we've checked alternative energy
 23 forms and a whole bunch of other things. The factors
 24 haven't changed.
 25 BPA came to the right conclusion the first time

1430-012-001 Comment noted.

1430-013-001 and -002 Comment noted.

1430-013-001 1 three years ago, and two times since, the power line is
2 needed. There's no question in the engineers' in our
3 group's mind, and we had some 35 and 40 people from this
4 community that we took to Seattle last year, engineers,
5 lawyers, people that live in the area, all kinds of people.
1430-013-002 6 All routes will incur some environmental damage, quite a bit
7 as a matter of fact. All of them cross one or the other
8 major salmon bearing rivers, streams, wetlands and so on.
9 There isn't even a question of a doubt the Seattle
10 Public Utility watershed route is the least costly, the
11 least damaging and affects the fewest people. And I want to
1430-013-003 12 tell you that last year this group of ours, a few of them
13 here tonight, but we really operated with what I call an
14 opposition steering group, about ten people maximum, it had
15 environmentalists, as I said, lawyers, engineers and project
1430-013-004 16 managers, people with experiences similar to yours. Over
17 1500 people in our area signed petitions opposing all routes
18 outside the Seattle Public Utilities watershed.
19 Your elected representatives here in the City of
20 Maple Valley, Covington and Issaquah joined us in letters
21 and comments to Bonneville in opposition to routes outside
1430-013-005 22 the watershed. Your state representatives, both of them
23 from District 5, my district, have supported me, are
24 constantly in touch with me by e-mail, "Do we need to put
25 any more muscle into it, Dick?" And they're ready to go to

1430-013-003 and -004 Comment noted.

1430-013-005 Comment noted.

1430-013-005

1 bat for you here.
 2 Jennifer Dunn has been involved in it, our state
 3 or our U.S. Representative from District 8, and even Senator
 4 Cantwell has sent emissaries to meetings and my house and
 5 met with some of the people that are here and they are still
 6 in contact with us. Don't stop with your comments now.
 7 public. I'm telling you, don't leave it here with just
 8 words that you've spoken.

9 I want you to write to Bonneville and I want you
 10 to put a carbon copy in the mail, Post Office Box 101, Maple
 11 Valley 98038. I will get it, I will see that all of these
 12 politicians and including, I failed to mention, our own
 13 county councilman for the District 13 -- District 12,
 14 rather, Dave Irons, his aid is here tonight again with us,
 15 the two state representative aids were with us last night,
 16 we had Senator Cantwell's aid with us the night before in
 17 Seattle. So don't stop here. Write your comments and send
 18 me a copy of it.

1430-013-006

19 The other thing I want to leave Bonneville with
 20 two -- I want to say this to you: You have been
 21 knowledgeable, professional and courteous, and Diane has
 22 been a great facilitator. I have given her a hard time.
 23 She's tried to control me, that's pretty tough. There are
 24 two messages I want to leave with you: Provide equal
 25 consideration for avoiding construction damage to all routes

1430-013-006 BPA has looked at the potential mitigation costs needed for all the alternatives and those costs are reflected in the overall costs depicted for each alternative as stated in the SDEIS. The SDEIS has already acknowledged that those alternatives outside the CRW would be more expensive than the preferred alternative.

1430-013-006

1 and mitigation thereof. If you do that, the result you've
2 already come to in this impact statement says that the costs
3 are far higher in Routes A, C, B and D. Anyone with half a
4 brain can see that if you were to give us the peanut oil or
5 the vegetable oil and the hydraulic system and the
6 helicopters and the pooper scoopers and all the other things
7 that you have to do to satisfy Seattle, your Route A would
8 probably be over a hundred million, probably we'd see C and
9 D up somewhere around two hundred million and Route C would
10 be up around a hundred and fifty. So don't forget those
11 when you make your final decision.

1430-013-007

12 And this last one is for your administrator to
13 take home for you. Don't destroy the great amount of public
14 goodwill that you've created, you've built. Recognize that
15 your compensation offers are low. I own real estate in this
16 area and I know what the value of Tina's land is. You need
17 to recognize the right value for destroying two parcels of
18 land. She's told you she will sell it to you. Just do it.
19 It's a pittance in comparison with what you need. So,
20 please, that will be clearly in the message that you get in
21 writing from us. Thank you.

1430-014-001

22 MR. CLOYD PAXTON: I would like to know why
23 Governor Locke is not entering this project here? I mean,
24 all the people that's got power lines on their property,
25 they don't get any compensation for what they have got and

1430-013-007 Comment noted.

1430-014-001 Comment noted.

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1 it looks to me like the taxpayers shouldn't have to pay
2 taxes on that land. The King County ought to take care of
3 them taxes. That is no good to us, you know what I mean, as
4 far as you might be able to drive over it, but you can't
5 raise cattle on it or do a lot of things you want to do on
6 it. So why don't King County pay the taxes on all this
7 land?

8 I mean, it's just certain ones that's going to get
9 it, but they're the ones that are valuable, you know what I
10 mean, they need it. So I'd like to know why we couldn't get
11 together with Mr. Locke or something like that or whoever it
12 takes and get our taxes paid by King County or whatever, you
13 know, free. It should be free. That's all.

14 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: Maybe Cindy can answer the
15 governor's office. We got to put you on the spot sometime,
16 Cindy.

17 MS. CINDY CUSTER: For Bonneville I work with
18 elected officials and the state agencies and the
19 legislature, so I talk to your representatives not
20 frequently but at least keep them up to speed on what's
21 going on and I do work with Governor Locke's staff person
22 who deals with energy issues. And he is very aware of this
23 project, he saw your petitions and is keeping a close eye on
24 what's going on. He's chosen at least at this point not to
25 take a public stand, but he's certainly aware of what's

1430-014-001 1 happening with the line.
 2 MR. CLOYD PAXTON: Well, I think it would help
 3 BPA, you know what I mean?

1430-015-001 4 MS. TINA MORGAN: Well, I'm of the opinion that
 5 maybe BP, on his comment, maybe share in some of the taxes
 6 seeing is how they take a lot of rights away from the
 7 property owner because they pay a one-time fee for the
 8 easement and then have the rights to use it therefore and
 9 tell the property owner what they can and cannot do. So it
 10 does seem a little unfair to me for a one-time payment and
 11 Bonneville uses it forever, gets to make money off the power
 12 that goes across there, even though you call it nonprofit.
 13 But, I don't know, there seems something wrong with that
 14 system to me. But my actual question for myself was I was
 15 wondering how much money to date or do you have any idea has
 16 this controversy with Seattle Watershed caused you?

1430-015-003 17 MR. GENE LYNARD: Well, as far as the
 18 environmental effort, the cost of environmental documents
 19 and the meetings and hiring of consultants, we're over a
 20 million dollars in the last three years. This is an unusual
 21 project and this is a particularly expensive environmental
 22 effort.

1430-015-003 23 MS. TINA MORGAN: I see. But since you had your
 24 original preferred and then when watershed -- when the
 25 watershed threw a monkey wrench into your project, I was

1430-015-001 and -002 You may want to contact your local taxing authority(ies) and provide them with a copy of BPA's easement document, and inquire whether a reduction in your property taxes is possible.

1430-015-003 The costs would be about \$10 to \$13 million more than conventional construction including special designs and construction techniques and purchasing properties.

1430-015-003

1 just wondering what the costs have been involved since at
 2 that time, if you have any idea, and what you anticipate
 3 them to be until your final decision.

4 MR. GENE LYNARD: Well, we were -- I had a budget
 5 to do all the environmental work and the budget was a
 6 million dollars. And we would have been well under that had
 7 we produced a final last year. But since we went this
 8 additional -- undertook this additional effort, hiring
 9 additional contractors, doing additional work, we are
 10 probably up 1.2 when we're done.

1430-015-004

11 MS. TINA MORGAN: I was just curious. And then
 12 Joanna Paul here, one of the people in our neighborhood, she
 13 wanted to know, she asked me to ask the question for her,
 14 who makes the ultimate final decision of which way you will
 15 go?

16 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: Well, the project team looks at
 17 all the factors and then they make a decision that's a
 18 suggestion that goes to the administrator. Then the
 19 administrator decides in the end. So it's the BPA
 20 administrator that makes the final decision. She is asking
 21 where the administrator is located at, the administrator is
 22 located at Portland, Oregon at BPA headquarters.

1430-016-001

23 MR. GENE LYNARD: By the name of Steve Wright.

24 MR. JON ZAK: And you're in negotiations with
 25 Seattle on the preferred alternative, do you discuss

1430-015-004 BPA's Administrator will make the decision on this project.

1430-016-001 and -002 Some discussions have taken place about
 decommissioning roads. Those discussions are continuing
 and no commitment has been made.

1430-016-002

1 decommissioning logging roads as a method of mitigation?

2 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: Yes. They have brought that to
3 the table, so that's part of the discussions along with
4 other things.

1430-016-002

5 MR. JON ZAK: Thank you. I would also like to
6 thank Dick Bonewits for all the work he's done on this so
7 far for the people in Maple Valley.

8 MR. RICHARD BONEWITS: I want to answer Cloyd's
9 question. The Governor has been notified by our group about
10 this. All 13 King County councilmen have been notified
11 about it. The Governor did have, through the Department of
12 Ecology, have the regional manager call me and wonder what
13 the deal was, and I spent about two hours one day giving him
14 the background, education.

1430-017-001

15 My position with politicians goes like this:
16 You're either for us or shut up, and you get most -- those
17 are your two choices, either come out actively helping or at
18 least recognize there's more than one side. And for all of
19 you to understand this, I want you to clearly understand
20 what he told me, because this is not the first time that
21 I've been involved with Bonneville, they're generally a
22 professional group, and this is a professional group, but
23 let me tell you, Seattle has told us clearly they do not
24 intend to take this going down. That's why your letters are
25 necessary. You need to keep it up. You need to talk to

1430-017-001 Comment noted.

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1 your neighbors. You need to get them to write them, whether
2 you're under A, you're under C, and we have been up and
3 talked to the people under B and D. So, please, write your
4 letters.

1430-018-001

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I got here kind of
6 late and I didn't feel worth throwing any speeches, I've
7 talked too much already, one thing I want to ask, make sure
8 I got it clear, I've got some friends in California in the
9 engineering business, and part of that fiasco was the lack
10 of transmission. They haven't made any investment, and so
11 you just hear about Enron, but it's really cost them because
12 of the lack of transmission. I know you guys haven't had a
13 chance because of all the things you have to put up with
14 too, but as I understand this thing, if we put this line
15 through, we will save five megawatts; is that right?

16 That means you're not going to have to buy five
17 megawatts which falls to the benefit of the taxpayers. Now,
18 all the folks that are Greenies, you know, Planet Earth and
19 all that kind of stuff, and alternative energy, which I buy
20 myself, I throw some extra bucks in where I live, why would
21 they not recognize that it's really imperative to get the
22 project because it will pay for itself? Am I missing
23 something?

24 In other words, if you get this thing through, the
25 efficiency you're going to have because of this new line is

1430-018-001 Comment noted.

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1 going to save you five megawatts, which is a couple of
 2 million bucks at today's prices if the thing goes up. So
 3 this thing is going to be a heck of an investment; is that
 4 right?

5 MR. GENE LYNARD: That's five megawatts annually.

1430-018-001

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: So I hope you use that
 7 when you're talking to the folks in Seattle. One thing I
 8 have gotten from some of these people like Sierra Club and
 9 these other guys with other agendas and the Seattle people
 10 that are bitching about water, you're not going to touch
 11 that, is this thing does make sense and you do have to make
 12 an investment for the rate payers on transmission lines. So
 13 I think you ought to use that. I don't think anybody that
 14 I've been at any of these meetings is anti-environment.
 15 We're all pro environment. And if you took a pole here, you
 16 would probably say has BPA chosen the most environmentally
 17 sound alternative? I don't know anybody that says no. So I
 18 hope you use that when you are talking to Seattle. And I
 19 want to echo Dick's things, I think you guys are very
 20 professional.

1430-019-001

21 MS. CLOYD PAXTON: I understand that you have
 22 bought 350 acres next to the watershed for Seattle, where no
 23 one even in Seattle knows where the watershed is at, but
 24 these five people that have five homes that you're going to
 25 be using, I can't understand why you can't pay them the

1430-019-001 and -002 BPA did take advantage of an opportunity to acquire 350 acres from the Trust for Public Land. The preferred alternative crosses this parcel, it has potential mitigation benefits, and can be resold if the decision is not to construct this route. See response to Comment 1429-013-002.

1430-019-002

1 amount that they're supposed to be getting and -- because
 2 you've already bought the 300 acres, where do you get off
 3 not paying them for their home that they're living in? They
 4 have sacrificed a lot.

1430-020-001

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Whenever we talk to
 6 you people on the phone and talk about the price, you know
 7 I'm one of the property owners, so I'm one of the bad guys.
 8 I guess, but there's always the possibility what if Seattle
 9 city says, Guess what, we're not going to let you come
 10 through. Now, I've always heard you guys say we're going to
 11 condemn your property, and I also heard you guys have the
 12 same power to condemn the watershed property; is that
 13 correct?

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14 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: That's correct.
 15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: What kind of process
 16 does that do and what does it do to the time period in which
 17 it could be completed?

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18 Say, example, they say we're just not going to let
 19 you come through here no matter what you do, and so you guys
 20 go around and go, all right, we're going to condemn it.

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21 Then what happens then? I mean, has this ever happened? Do
 22 you guys -- I'm sure that has happened somewhere along the
 23 line because you always hear about the county condemning
 24 this piece of property for some little trail or something,
 25 and we don't know what the heck is going on. So, I mean,

1430-020-001, -002, and -003 BPA has the power of eminent domain, or the power to condemn. BPA works closely with landowners to come to a satisfactory agreement if possible. If negotiations are not successful, and the decision has been made to construct a project, BPA would use its power to condemn to secure the necessary land rights. This would apply to land rights needed from any landowner along the route to be constructed, including the City of Seattle, if the preferred route is selected. BPA generally requires six months to acquire rights to property.

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1 maybe you can give us some information on that if you could.

2 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: BPA does have the right to
3 condemn other local communities like the City of Seattle or
4 any other governmental entity. BPA as a federal agency is
5 able to do that. And BPA is able to do that with the City
6 of Seattle, so that is one option that is on the table for
7 BPA. That is certainly something that we look at. Time
8 frame wise, it would really depend when we would start that
9 process, but that process could be started early enough to
10 where we could start construction this year. So it is an
11 option that's being looked at. It's an option, you know,
12 BPA doesn't like to use, but it is an option BPA can use.

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13 MR. CLOYD PAXTON: I would like to ask Mike about
14 is it Kaiser down there at Tacoma that has them big melting
15 pots and they have to keep that aluminum pot hot all the
16 time to keep that -- how big of pots are them and why
17 couldn't they put them in smaller billets, buildings? They
18 don't use that, they're out of business, right?

19 MR. MIKE KREIPE: Yes.

1430-021-001 |

20 MR. CLOYD PAXTON: So that takes a lot of juice,
21 it looks to me like, to keep the pots going. Why can't you
22 put that in smaller billets and reuse it some other time?

23 MR. MIKE KREIPE: It's got to do with the -- the
24 pot lines are made up of 50 or 70 cells, each one has a
25 voltage drop of about a half a volt, large, large current.

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1430-021-001 The aluminum smelter at Kaiser is shut down and will be dismantled. The aluminum smelter process is continuous in that bauxite is added while the finished aluminum is being poured from the pot. The pots must be kept energized in order to keep the process going. The conductors on our lines are all 2.5 inch or smaller. The blue haze you see is corona, a result of the high voltage stress around the conductors and hardware. The blue haze is not heat being given off by the line.

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1 So that's the way -- they're hooked up in series and they
2 need -- and they have a certain delivery voltage for the
3 whole thing, so that's essentially -- they have to have
4 enough of them to equal the delivery voltage. Could they
5 make them smaller? I don't know a lot, but I know enough to
6 be dangerous. I don't know enough about the design and
7 whether they can modify that in ways, but that seems to be
8 consistent with all the plants. They all have the pot lines
9 that are 50 to 75 megawatts apiece. It's pretty
10 standardized. I don't know if it's old technology.

11 MR. CLOYD PAXTON: I used to work in a foundry and
12 I know they do that, they can take it down and they can
13 take, in a foundry, out of the bull ladle and put it into
14 billets and, you know, put it in blocks and then put it back
15 in when they want to use it. That way they can shut the
16 heat down. But you talking about these big lines that's
17 going over that they lose a lot of heat, you take that line
18 like out there where I live on Petrovisky, and that thing
19 must be about that big around, four inch, I suppose, huge.

20 MR. MIKE KREIPE: An inch to two inches.

21 MR. CLOYD PAXTON: Well, you can see a blue haze
22 off of that when it rains. You know, it looks like about 20
23 inches. Is that heat that's going -- that you're getting
24 rid of or the lines are getting rid of?

25 MR. MIKE KREIPE: That's actually the ionize --

1 the effect of the high voltage, stress voltage right at the
2 conductor, it's many thousands of volts and ionizing there
3 right around it. If you get sharp points, that's why you
4 notice all the connections are rounded, they have shields
5 around them, if you get sharp points where it will build up
6 on that point and you'll see the purplish bluish lights.
7 It's fairly benign, but it's just a result of the high
8 voltage stress at that point.

9 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: It is a loss. And so when
10 these transmission lines get constructed, we try to make
11 sure that these little blurs that Mike's talking about, that
12 they don't occur on conductors. But also Mike is trying to
13 explain that there's heat loss on those lines, but actually
14 those lines are fairly efficient. So the actual losses on
15 the 500 kV line are 2 percent or less?

16 MR. MIKE KREIPE: Yeah, two.

1430-021-001

17 MR. CLOYD PAXTON: What if you have bigger lines,
18 do you have less problems?

19 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: The more kVs you go, the lower
20 your losses are. So that's one reason why a lot of
21 utilities try to put up higher kV lines. But even at low
22 loss, it still has a loss, you know, it's still a loss. And
23 that small loss is about five megawatts per year.

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24 MS. TINA MORGAN: Yeah, to touch back on Steve's
25 question, I think what we'd really like to know from the

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1430-022-001 and -002 BPA does have the right of condemnation. This includes private properties and the city of Seattle. Seattle is aware of this.

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1 neighborhood that we're in is you have continually told us
2 that if we don't deal with you in the way that you want us
3 to deal that you are going to condemn our properties. We
4 get told that -- Jill wasn't like that, she wasn't
5 necessarily telling that to us every day. But since you've
6 had a few new people, we hear that quite often.

7 And we would like to know if you're treating
8 Seattle in the same manner because they're not wanting to
9 cooperate with you. Are you giving them the same continual
10 threat of condemning them as you're giving us? I think we'd
11 really like an answer to that.

1430-022-002

12 And have you told them outright that you will, you
13 know, quite possibly condemn them or are you actually
14 considering a possible condemning of Seattle watershed for
15 your line? We'd really like you to tell us where you're
16 going with that with the Seattle watershed because we hear
17 it every time we talk to one of your representatives.

18 MR. LOU DRIESSEN: In our discussions with
19 Seattle, the condemnation issue has come up several times.
20 So they know we have that right and that we're -- that we
21 can exercise that right. So it is on the table with
22 Seattle. We haven't told them that we will condemn them one
23 way or the other. As long as negotiations are continuing,
24 which they are, we are not looking at exercising that. So,
25 yes, that discussion has taken place with Seattle.

1430-023-001

1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Is there ever going to
2 be a record of the public comments that we could look up?

3 MR. GENE LYNARD: The final EIS will have all the
4 comments that we received on the draft document back in 2001
5 as well as the supplemental draft that we're releasing now.
6 and they will all be in Chapter 10 of the final EIS.

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8 HANDWRITTEN COMMENTS:

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10 I prefer Alternative 1 (preferred option) because of
11 its less cost and least disruption to the environment.

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13 If you build on the common leg of C2 & A, on the
14 vacant right-of-way, my property, which these alternatives
15 would cross, would take an immediate \$70,000 hit.

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17 Did the SDEIS look at the differences between Alts. in
18 loss of energy from the lines?

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1430-023-001 The public comments received on the DEIS and SDEIS
are in the FEIS.

1430-024-001 Comment noted.

1430-025-001 Comment noted.

1430-026-001 and -002 The SDEIS did not report the loss savings for all
of the alternatives. However, we have the information
from studies. The loss savings for the other alternatives
range from 4 to 11 MWs fewer losses than without the
project.

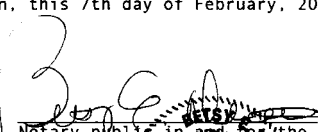
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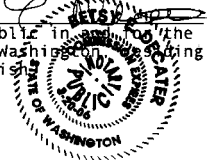
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